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The Loyal Orange Association

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GENERAL DECLARATION.

"And thou shalt teach men ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do; moreover, they shall provide out of all the people, able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens."—EXODUS, chap. xviii., vs. 20, 21.

At all times nothing can be more natural, and at this time nothing can be more reasonable, than that those who have common rights to protect, and common interests to defend, should act together and know each other. It is by division that the benevolent objects of true patriots are frustrated, and their best and noblest efforts for the public good defeated. In these distant but important appendages of our great Empire, it must be obvious to every loyal and reflecting mind that a union of intelligence, an increase of means, and a knowledge of each other are essential.

THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION is formed by persons desirous of supporting, to the utmost of their power, the principles and practices of the Christian religion, to maintain the laws and constitution of the country, afford assistance to distressed members of the Association, and otherwise promote such laudable and benevolent purposes as may tend to the due ordering of religion and Christian charity, and the supremacy of law, order and constitutional freedom.

Its members associate in honor of King William III., Prince of Orange, whose name they bear, and whose immortal memory they hold in reverence, tending as he did, under Divine Providence, to the overthrow of the most oppressive bigotry, and the restoration of pure religion and liberty.

They revere the memory of that Immortal Prince, not only as a patriot, a constitutional monarch, and a hero, but as a true Christian ; and hope, in the adoption of his name, to emulate his virtues, by maintaining religion without persecution or trenching upon the rights of any.

The Orange Association lays no claim to exclusive loyalty, or exclusive Protestantism ; but it admits no man within its pale whose principles are not loyal, and whose creed is not Protestant.

Disclaiming an intolerant spirit, the Association demands as an indispensable qualification, without which the greatest and wealthiest may seek admission in vain, that the candidate shall be deemed incapable of persecuting or injuring anyone on account of his religious opinions; the duty of every Orangeman being to aid and defend all loyal subjects of every religious persuasion in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

The rules of the Association are open not only to the members of the Association, but to the whole community ; there is no reserve, except the signs and symbols whereby Orangemen know each other ; and these mysteries are essential to the proper qualification of the Brotherhood, the recognition of the members, and the prevention of intrusion and imposture from strangers and enemies. The Association is general, not confined to any particular place, person or nation, but extends itself wherever a loyal Protestant Briton is to be found, to the remotest corner of the globe, for the establishment of Protestant faith and British liberty to the latest age of posterity. The whole Association is one neighborhood, within which every Orangeman is at home, in the farthest parts of the world ; and such is the mechanism of the Association. that while

its operations are thus extended, its every movement is alike felt and answered in every part.

The Association in these Provinces can never be suppressed but by means which would subvert the constitution, and annihilate the connection with the Mother Country.

In many quarters where the true nature of the Orange Association is not properly known, its designs and objects have by some been misunderstood, and by others misrepresented. From the name it bears—being connected in everyone's mind with the history of parties in Ireland—some are apt to suppose that its sphere is necessarily confined to that country; not reflecting that an instrument which has been chiefly used there to suppress rebellion, repel invasion, and secure domestic tranquillity, may be found equally efficacious to loyal men of all countries, in protecting their lives, liberties and properties. The Association is constituted upon the broadest principles of national freedom. It takes its stand upon the glorious principles of the Revolution of 1688; it lays its foundation in the field of British liberty; it disdains the badge of faction, and knows no emblem save "The Altar and the Throne."

As the Prince of Orange was invited to England by a coalition of parties, who united from a common sense of their sacred duty to preserve their religion and liberties, so the Orange Association, named after that Immortal Prince, invites a similiar combination, and calls upon the sons of Britain to lay aside political feuds, and, like their illustrious ancestors, who signed and sealed the great Covenant of Freedom, to sacrifice every private consideration, and establish a centralization of power to conserve the great blessings and privileges which we enjoy under British connection, upon such a basis as will enable every limb and fibre to receive vitality and nourishment from the parent stem.

Qualifications

Essential for Membership.

An applicant for admission should have a sincere love and veneration for his Almighty Maker, productive of those lively and happy fruits—righteousness and obedience to His commands; a firm and steadfast faith in the Saviour of the world, convinced that He is the only Mediator between a sinful creature and an offended Creator. His disposition should be humane and compassionate, and his behaviour kind and conciliatory; he should be an enemy to savage brutality and every species of unchristian conduct; a lover of rational and improving society; faithfully regarding the Protestant religion, and sincerely desirous of propagating its precepts, *i.e.*, charity and goodwill to all men. Zealous in promoting the honor, happiness and prosperity of his King and country; heartily desirous of success in those pursuits, yet convinced that God alone can grant them. He should have a hatred of cursing and swearing, and of taking the name of God in vain; he should use all opportunities of discouraging them among his brethren, and shun the society of all persons addicted to those shameful practices. Prudence should guide all his actions; temperance, sobriety and honesty direct his conduct; and the laudable objects of the Association be the motives of his endeavors.

53 Victoria, Chapter 105

Assented to April 24th, 1890.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF BRITISH AMERICA.

Whereas the persons hereinafter named have, by their petition, prayed to be incorporated under the name of "The Grand Orange Lodge of British America," and it is expedient to grant the Prayer of their petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., Woodbridge; Edward F. Clarke, M.P.P., Toronto; W. W. Fitzgerald, Q.C., London; Thomas B. Collins, Millbrook, Ontario; Clarke Gordon, Sherbrooke, Quebec; Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Armstrong, St. John, New Brunswick; Reverend James Bleasdall, Sambro, Nova Scotia; E. F. Purdy, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Reverend John Halliwell, M.A., Vankleek Hill, Ontario; Lieutenant-Colonel Honorable Mackenzie Bowell, M.P., Ottawa; Thomas Keyes, J. P., St. Catharines, Ontario; Captain William Anderson, J. P., Mountain View, Ontario; William J. Parkhill, J.P., Midland, Ontario; James Kelly, St. John, New Brunswick; Edward Floody, Clinton, Ontario; Reverend Rural Dean Cooper, D.D., Invermay, Ontario; Reverend Rural Dean Hyland, M.A., Watford, Ontario; Reverend Charles E. Perry, Lloydtown, Ontario; Reverend D. Cascaden, Forest, Ontario; Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Lloydtown, Ontario; Reverend R. A. Rooney, Garden Hill, Ontario; Reverend William Walsh, M.A., Bolton, Ontario; Reverend Francis Ryan, B.D., Florence, Ontario; Reverend James H. Harris, M.A., Weston, Ontario; Reverend William Massey, M.A., Hamilton, Ontario; Reverend N. H. Martin, M.A., Chatham, Ontario; Reverend W. H. A. French, B.A., Cookstown, Ontario; Reverend P. T. Mignott, B.A., Arthur, Ontario; Major James Bennett, Toronto, Ontario; William Johnson, Belleville, Ontario; Ed. T.

Scott, Montreal, Quebec; Major H. A. L. White, St. Mary's, Ontario; Captain John Woodward, Sherbrooke; Quebec; J. M. Robinson, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; Lieutenant-Colonel James Barr, Covey Hill, Quebec; Captain John Niblock, Medicine Hat, Assiniboia; William Roxborough, J.P., Fredericton, New Brunswick; Ald. William Nicholson, Hamilton, Ontario; John H. Delamere, Minden, Ontario; Captain Isaac Jekill, Lachute, Quebec; James L. Hughes, Toronto, Ontario; Oronhyatekha, M.D., Toronto, Ontario; Captain Joshua Wright, Hull, Quebec; Honorable Senator Clemow, Ottawa, Ontario; Robert Birmingham, Toronto, Ontario; Major A. J. VanIngen, Newcastle, Ontario; Robert McGlaughin, Montreal, Quebec; Samuel T. Mosher, J. P., Carleton, New Brunswick; John C. Gass, Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia; M. McLeod, Milton Station, Prince Edward Island; W. J. Kernaghan, Winnipeg, Manitoba; William Johnson, New Westminster, British Columbia; Robert Gordon, Tweed, Ontario; Captain John McCaughey, Cobourg, Ontario; W. M. Lockhart, Everett, Ontario; William White, Tweed, Ontario; John L. Wilson, Wilsoncroft, Ontario; Charles Palling, Allandale, Ontario; James Morrow, Silver Springs, Manitoba; Captain John Gaskin, Kingston, Ontario; William Douglas, Eglinton, Ontario; Captain Stephen, Wetmore, Burford, Ontario; John Graham, Toronto, Ontario; William Morton, Campbellford, Ontario; Lieutenant John S. Millar, M.P.P., Napanee, Ontario; David Ewing, Cobourg, Ontario; R. L. Alexander, Moose Jaw, Assiniboia; Henry Perkins, Gorrie, Ontario; Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Tyrwhitt, M.P., Bradford, Ontario; Captain William Adamson, Toronto, Ontario; E. A. Mills, Carleton Place, Ontario; Major Samuel Hughes, M.P., Lindsay, Ontario; Frank Somers, Toronto, Ontario; Alexander McKay, M.P., Hamilton, Ontario; F. W. Johnston, Goderich, Ontario; Major A. Carmichael, Spencerville, Ontario; Edward Cochrane, M.P., Brighton, Ontario; James Thompson, St. Mary's, Ontario; Captain A. J. Sinclair, Cannington, Ontario; W. A. McCulla, M.P., Brampton, Ontario; Joseph Peart,

Hamilton, Ontario; George McKnight, Magnetawan, Ontario; Alexander McNeill, M.P., Wiarton, Ontario; Alexander Hamilton, Riverbank, Ontario; W. H. Taylor, Aurora, Ontario; Thomas C. McAvoy, Balsam, Ontario; George Taylor, M.P., Gananoque, Ontario; A. A. Almas, Hagersville, Ontario; W. H. Lowrie, Russell, Ontario; C. N. Skinner, M.P., St. John, New Brunswick; George Symes, Carlton West, Ontario; George Eady, junior, Renfrew, Ontario; Major John Hoey, Rosemont, Ontario; David Creighton, Toronto, Ontario; John Barr, M.D., Shelburne, Ontario; A. S. McColl, St. Thomas, Ontario; Lieutenant-Colonel William Kerns, M.P.P., Burlington, Ontario; J. J. King, Tara, Ontario; John Baird, Georgetown, Ontario; J. McNeilly, Port Dover, Ontario; D. M. Jermyn, Wiarton, Ontario; George Lucas, Sarnia, Ontario; B. S. Cook, Fordwich, Ontario; Henry Burnett, J.P., Brampton, Ontario; John W. Bell, M.P., Desmond, Ontario; John Lenfestry, junior, Strathroy, Ontario; George W. Monk, M.P.P., South March, Ontario; William Graydon, Streetsville, Ontario; John Scarlett, Leadbury, Ontario; James Marshall, Kingston, Ontario; John A. Bull, Carlton West, Ontario; William Little, Mono Road, Ontario; Samuel Hagan, Thessalon, Ontario; James Orr, Emery, Ontario; J. C. Dixon, Essex Centre, Ontario; Thomas Gilroy, Epping, Ontario; Wm. Rowley, Elmvale, Ontario; Charles Fairbairn, M.P., Bobcaygeon, Ontario; and Adam Irwin, Dresden, Ontario, members of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America together with such persons as become members of the said Grand Lodge, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of "The Grand Orange Lodge of British America" hereinafter called the Association, for the following purposes and objects:

(a) To unite fraternally all persons entitled to membership under the constitution and laws of the Association, and the word "laws" shall include general laws and by-laws.

(b) To give all material aid in its power to distressed members and those dependent upon them.

(c) To educate its members socially, morally and intellectually, and to inculcate loyalty to Queen and country.

(d) To enable the Association to establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members.

(e) To enable the Association to establish a benefit fund, from which, on satisfactory evidence of the death of a member, who has complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars shall be paid to the widow, orphans, dependants, or other beneficiary whom the member has designated, or to the personal representative or representatives of the member; or from which, upon the completion of expectancy of life of a member as laid down in the said constitution and laws, such sum shall be paid to himself.

(f) To secure for its members such other advantages as are, from time to time, designated by the constitution and laws of the Association.

2. The head office of the Association shall be in the City of Toronto, or such other place in Canada as is from time to time determined by the Association.

3. Subject to the constitution and laws of the Association, lodges under the names of Provincial Grand Lodges, County Lodges, District Lodges and Primary Lodges may from time to time be established under the title designated in the warrant constituting such lodges; and the said lodges, if established within Canada, may themselves be and become bodies corporate under such provisions and conditions and with such powers as the Association by its constitution and laws from time to time determines; provided always that such powers shall not be in excess of those conferred on the Association by this Act; and each of such lodges shall be so incorporated under the corporate name of "The Loyal Orange Lodge Number (*giving the number of the lodge*);" and upon being established and before proceeding to act as such corporation, the Association shall cause to be registered at full length, in the registry office of the city, county or registration division within which such lodge is established, a declaration stating the fact of such establishment, the date of the instrument effecting it and the corporate name of such lodge.

4. The value of the real property which the Association

may hold shall not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, and in case of the Provincial Grand Lodges and County Lodge one hundred thousand dollars, and in the case of District Lodges fifty thousand dollars, and in the case of Primary Lodges ten thousand dollars; and the Association may by law determine the manner in which such real property shall be held and conveyed, subject always to the laws of the Province in which such real estate is situate; provided always that no part of the benefit funds shall be used in acquiring any such property.

5. The property of each lodge only shall be liable for the debts and engagements of such lodge.

6. The surplus funds of the Association shall be invested in mortgages which are a first charge on land held in fee simple in Canada, or in deposits with or in registered debentures of loan and investment companies incorporated in Canada, or in debentures of municipal or school corporations in Canada, or in securities of the Dominion of Canada or any of the provinces thereof, or shall be deposited in a chartered bank in Canada; but the Association shall sell such real estate and property as it acquires by the foreclosure of any mortgage, hypotheca, or lien, within seven years after it has been so acquired, otherwise it shall revert to the previous owner or to his heirs or assigns.

7. Whenever, under the provisions of the laws of the Association, any lodge, incorporated under the provisions of section three of this Act, becomes dissolved, the property of such lodge shall become vested in the Association, and in the case of real estate shall be sold within three years after the dissolution of such lodge, and the proceeds of all such property shall be applied first in liquidation of the debts and liabilities of such lodge, and the surplus, if any, shall form part of the general funds and assets of the Association.

8. There shall be printed in legible type, and in red ink, upon every policy hereafter issued by the Association, or by the Provincial Grand Lodges, as well as upon every application therefore, and upon every receipt given for payments in connection therewith, the following words

"The insurance undertaken by the Grand Orange Lodge of British America or by the Provincial Grand Lodges comes under the exception contained in section forty-three of *The Insurance Act*," applicable to fraternal and benevolent associations, and is not subject to Government inspection.

9. Every officer of the Association and every other person who transacts business on behalf of the Association, and who issues, circulates or uses, or who causes to be issued, circulated or used any policy of insurance or endorsement certificate or application for membership, on which the notice provided for in the next preceding section is not printed shall, on summary conviction thereof before any two justices of the peace, or any magistrate having the powers of two justices of the peace, incur and be liable to the penalties mentioned in the twenty-second section of "*The Insurance Act*," and every pecuniary penalty so recovered shall be applied in the manner provided by the said section.

10. Within three months from the coming into force of this Act, a certified copy of the present constitution and laws of the Association, and of its form of insurance policy or contract shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State of Canada and of the Superintendent of Insurance; and copies of any future changes or amendments thereto shall be so deposited within three months from their adoption by the said Association; and in default of compliance with any provision of this section, the Association shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for each day during which such default continues.

11. Nothing herein contained shall be held to exempt the Association from the effect of any legislation hereafter passed by the Parliament of Canada in respect to any insurance powers exercised by friendly societies.

Laws Relating to and Governing Real Property.

Adopted at Grand Lodge Meeting, 1894, Pages 48, 49.

Whereas, under an Act to Incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, 53 Victoria, Cap. 105, it is provided and power is given to the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, hereinafter called "The Association," to determine the manner in which real property shall be held and conveyed by the Association or any Subordinate Lodge established or constituted thereunder as provided by the said Act ;

And whereas it is expedient to declare and determine the manner in which such real property shall be held and conveyed ;

Therefore be it resolved, declared and enacted as follows ;

(1) The Association and any Subordinate Lodge established or constituted thereunder as provided by the said Act shall hold in its corporate name any real property conveyed to it or any such Subordinate Lodge by deed, will or other conveyance upon the terms, conditions and trusts mentioned in any such deed, will or other conveyance, and all such property shall be subject to the terms, provisions and conditions mentioned and set forth in the said Act.

(2) The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association, hereinafter called the "Executive Committee," and shall have the control and management of all the real property of the Association.

(3) The Executive Committee may rent or lease any real property of the Association in the same manner as any person or individual.

(4) The Executive Committee of Provincial Grand Lodges may rent or lease any real property belonging to them respectively in the same manner as any person or individual.

(5) The Executive Committee, upon a resolution being passed by the Association authorizing them so to do, by deed, under their respective hands and the corporate seal of the Association, may sell and convey in fee simple or any less estate any real property belonging to the Association.

(6) The Executive Committee shall each year, at the Annual Meeting of the Association, present a report in writing of all their dealings or transactions in real property and the value thereof.

(7) The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Secretary and Treasurer of each Provincial Lodge established by the Association shall be the Executive Committee of each Provincial Lodge.

(8) The County Master, Deputy County Master, County Secretary and County Treasurer of each County Lodge established by the Association shall be the Executive Committee of each such County Lodge.

(9) The District Master, Deputy District Master, District Secretary and District Treasurer of each District Lodge established by the Association shall be the Executive Committee of each District Lodge.

(10) The Master, Deputy Master, Secretary and Treasurer of each Primary Lodge established by the Association, shall be the Executive Committee of each such Primary Lodge.

(11) The Executive Committee of County Lodges, District Lodges and Primary Lodges respectively, upon a resolution passed by such Lodges respectively, may in like manner as the Executive Committee of the Association, and for like purposes, with the consent of the Executive Committee of the Association, mortgage or absolutely convey any real property of such Lodges.

(12) The Executive Committee of each such Lodge shall at the Annual Meeting of such Lodge, present a report in writing of all their dealings or transactions in real property and the value thereof.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

OF

The Loyal Orange Association

OF

BRITISH AMERICA

Title.

The Loyal Orange Association of British America.

1. The Title of the Society shall be "THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AMERICA."
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Lodges.

The Grand Lodge.

2. There shall be one Grand Lodge ; its title shall be "THE GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF BRITISH AMERICA."

Provincial, County, District, and Primary Lodges.

3. There shall be Provincial Grand Lodges, and County, District and Primary Lodges, having jurisdiction, territorial and otherwise, as hereinafter set forth.

The Grand Lodge.

Powers of the Grand Lodge.

4. The Grand Lodge shall be the guardian of the symbols and mysteries of the Association ; the source of legislation, and the final arbiter in all matters of dispute. No changes shall be made in the signs, symbols, lectures, passwords, mysteries, or forms of introduction, except by its authority.

Who Shall Compose The Grand Lodge.

5. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of its officers ; Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Chaplains, Secretaries and Treasurers, Past Grand Lecturers, Directors of Ceremonies, Deputy Grand Secretaries and Treasurers, who have held their respective offices for two consecutive years, officers of Provincial Grand Lodges ; Past Provincial Grand Masters ; Past Provincial Deputy Grand Masters, Past Provincial Grand Chaplains, Secretaries, Treasurers, Lecturers and Directors of Ceremonies, who have held their respective offices for five consecutive years ; the Grand Master of the Grand Black Chapter of British America ; the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer of the Orange Young Briton Association, provided they are in active membership in the Orange Association, have the required Degrees, and are not over thirty years of age ; County Masters ; Past County Masters, who have held that office for three years ; all Past County Masters subsequent to the year 1902, provided they be nominated and elected to do so by their several County Lodges at their respective annual meetings, and that the County Master and Secretary shall certify to the fact ; District Masters ; and, in the absence of a County or District Master, or when either votes in any other capacity, the Deputy Master shall be entitled to sit and vote, or a proxy, duly appointed in open lodge and who must be a member of such Lodge, may vote as the representative of the County or District (all members of the Grand Lodge shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree).

Annual Meeting.

6. The Grand Lodge shall meet on the last Wednesday in the month of May, in every year, except as hereinafter provided, at such place as shall be fixed upon at the preceding annual meeting.

Officers to be Elected.

7. At each annual meeting the Grand Lodge shall elect for the year, as provided in Rule 114, a Grand Master, whose title shall be "Most Worshipful Grand Master;" a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Secretary, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Director of Ceremonies, not more than twenty Deputy Grand Chaplains, a Deputy Grand Secretary, a Deputy Grand Treasurer, two Auditors, and a Deputy Grand Lecturer for each of the Provinces of the Dominion and Newfoundland. All the said officers shall, by virtue of their office, be members of the Grand Lodge, entitled to vote therein so long as they shall hold office, and until their successors have been appointed and installed; and thence until the end of the then present meeting.

A Quorum Necessary.

8. No meeting of the Grand Lodge shall be held unless a quorum of members be present. A quorum shall consist of twenty members all of whom shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree.

Hour of Meeting.

9. The Grand Lodge shall meet on the first day of the session at two o'clock p.m., and on every subsequent day at nine o'clock a.m., except otherwise ordered by the Grand Master; and it shall rise at one o'clock and at six o'clock p.m., respectively, and resume at half-past two o'clock and at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

Order of Business.

10. The order of Business at meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be:

FIRST DAY.

1. Opening the Grand Lodge in the Royal Scarlet Degree.
2. Reading Scriptures.
3. Appointing a Committee to draft the Standing Committees.
4. Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture.
5. Business connected with the Royal Scarlet Degree.
6. Reduction to the Orange Degree.
7. Grand Master's Address.

8. Reading Annual Reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Auditors.
9. Report of Secretary of Benefit Fund.
10. Receiving and adopting the Report of the Committee appointed to draft the Standing Committees.
11. Reading and Receiving Petitions, Appeals and Reports.
12. Referring Petitions, Appeals and Reports.
13. Notices of Motion.
14. General Business.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS.

1. Reading Scriptures.
2. Reading and adopting preceding day's Minutes.
3. First Report of Committee on Credentials and Reports of other Standing Committees.
4. Consideration of proposed constitutional amendments.
5. Appropriation of Grand Lodge funds.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. General Business.
8. Election and Installation of Officers.
9. Selection of next place of meeting.
10. Raising the Lodge to the Royal Scarlet Degree.
11. Reading Minutes.
12. Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture.
13. Closing Ceremonies.

Committees.

II. The Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge shall be :

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| (a) Credentials | (e) Petitions and Appeals. |
| (b) Correspondence. | (f) Constitution and Laws. |
| (c) Finance. | (g) Standing Committee on Insurance. |
| (d) Suspensions & Expulsions | |

Each of which shall be composed of five members. Their duties shall be as follows :

CREDENTIALS.—To examine all credentials and report the names of members who are present and entitled to vote.

CORRESPONDENCE.—To examine the correspondence and documents which may be referred to them, and report thereon.

FINANCE.—To Examine the Financial Statements of the Grand Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors, and report thereon, and to recommend the payment of appropriations.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.—To examine and report upon all matters referring to suspension or expulsion.

PETITIONS AND APPEALS.—To investigate all petitions and appeals and report thereon.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.—To consider and report the effect and expediency of any proposition to amend the Constitution. The Committee on Constitution and Laws shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after the installation of Officers and their report received at the following session.

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.—To consider the O.M.B.F., and with the proposed amendments to the rules of the O.M.B.

Powers and Duties of Grand Officers.

The Grand Master.

12. The Grand Master shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge; if absent the Deputy Grand Master shall preside; if both are absent, the Senior Provincial Grand Master; if these are absent the members present shall elect one of their number to preside; and the brother so selected shall, during his occupancy of the chair, exercise all the power and authority of the Grand Master.

13. The Grand Master may call a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, by giving the members fourteen days' notice by mail; but no business except that for which such special meeting has been called shall be transacted thereat. He may also call the annual meeting at an earlier, or postpone it until a later day, than that fixed by rule 6 of this Constitution. If he call the annual meeting before the date fixed by Rule 6 of this Constitution he shall cause notices to be mailed to the members at least two weeks previous to the date selected; and if he postpone the annual meeting, he shall cause notice to be mailed to the members at least two weeks previous to the last Wednesday in the month of May.

14. The Grand Master shall summon a meeting of the Grand Lodge at any time when required by requisition, signed by seven Grand Officers, or by twenty members of the Grand lodge, stating the object for which such meeting is required. No such meeting shall be called without at least twenty days' notice being given, such notice to contain a statement of the object of such meeting.

15. The Grand Master shall select the Annual, and shall communicate it to the Provincial Grand Masters, who shall communicate it to the County Masters within their Provinces. The County Masters shall communicate it to the District Masters, and the District Masters to the Masters of Primary Lodges which are not in arrears for dues.

16. The Grand Master shall direct the affairs of the Association when the Grand Lodge is not in session; and

his decision on any question shall be binding and final until set aside by the Grand Lodge.

17. All questions submitted to the Grand Master for decision, and his answers thereto, shall be entered by him in a book prepared for that purpose; and such questions and answers shall be published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge each year.

18. In the event of the death or resignation of the Grand Master, or of his absence from British America, or of a vacancy occurring in the office from any other cause, the Deputy Grand Master shall act as Grand Master; and, should the Deputy Grand Master be unable to discharge the duties of Grand Master, then the Senior Provincial Grand Master shall act as Grand Master *pro tem*.

The Deputy Grand Master.

19. The Deputy Grand Master shall occupy the deputy chair. He shall select and give the retiring password to the members, and shall assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties.

The Grand Chaplain.

20. The Grand Chaplain shall conduct the religious services of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary.

21. The Grand Secretary shall be the custodian of the seals, warrants, warrant plates, registers, rituals, books, papers, correspondence, and other property of the Grand Lodge. He shall attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, keep a correct record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, attend to the issue of warrants, distribute the rituals, forms, Annual Reports and other printed matter; prepare for the use of the Committee on Credentials, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, a list of the members, with the office or position held by each, present a report to the Grand Lodge at each annual meeting of the state and progress of the Association and the correspondence of the year; and remit to the Grand Treasurer, on the first day of each month, any money that may have come into his hands during the preceding month.

The Grand Treasurer.

22. The Funds of the Association shall be lodged in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, who shall produce his books and vouchers at every annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, to be examined by the Finance Committee. He shall furnish securities to be approved by the Grand Master. No money shall be paid out by him except in pursuance of a recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved of by the Grand Lodge, or on the written order of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lecturer.

23. The Grand Lecturer shall repeat the lectures at the opening and closing of the Grand Lodge, and instruct the members in the secret work when called upon during the sessions. He shall, when requested by a Provincial Grand Lodge, attend its meetings and exemplify the Degrees. His expenses shall be paid by the Lodge requiring his services.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies.

24. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge; proceed in advance to the place where they are to be held, and make such arrangements as may be necessary for holding them. He shall order and take charge of all processions and ceremonials in which the Grand Lodge shall take part; assign to the various officers and lodges their positions, according to Rule 139; and see that the members are clothed in the regalia provided for in Rule 138.

Grand Auditors.

24½. The Grand Auditors shall audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and report at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Officers.

25. The Deputies of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Lecturer shall assist those officers in the discharge of their respective duties.

General Powers of Grand Lodge Officers.

26. The Grand Officers shall be *ex officio* members of all lodges, and entitled to exercise the rights of membership, except in the distribution of funds, the election of officers, and the adoption or amendment of By-laws,

Provincial Grand Lodges.

Territorial Limits.

27. Each Province into which British America is now or may hereafter be subdivided for the purposes of civil government shall constitute the territorial limits of a Provincial Grand Lodge, excepting the Province of Ontario, which shall be divided into two Provinces, as follows: That part of the Province of Ontario lying west of the Counties of Durham and Victoria shall constitute a Province to be known as the Province of Ontario West; and that part of the Province of Ontario bounded on the west by the western limits of the Counties of Durham and Victoria shall constitute a Province to be known as the Province of Ontario East.

Seven Primary Lodges necessary to Constitute a Provincial Grand Lodge.

28. No warrant shall issue for the opening of a Provincial Grand Lodge unless at least seven Primary Lodges are working within such Province; and, until seven warrants have been issued and are working in any Province, the Lodges therein shall be under the direct control and management of the Grand Lodge.

Who Shall Compose the Provincial Grand Lodges.

29. Provincial Grand Lodges shall be composed of their officers; Past Grand Masters; Past Provincial Grand Masters; last Past Provincial Grand Officers; Past Provincial Grand Officers who have held office for five consecutive years; County and District Masters; Companion in command of Scarlet Chapters; Past County and District Masters; and Masters of Primary Lodges. When the Master of a County, District, or Primary Lodge is absent, or being present, votes in some other capacity, the Deputy Master of such Lodge may represent it; and in the absence of the Master and Deputy Master, then proxy duly appointed in open lodge, who must be member of such lodge, may represent it (all members of Provincial Grand Lodges shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree).

Meetings, Powers, Dues, Etc.

30. The Provincial Grand Lodges shall meet within the

respective provinces annually, in such places as they shall determine after their first meeting, at any time not later than one month previous to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge; levy dues by capitation tax or otherwise; divide their territory into Counties, and make such by-laws for the management of their affairs as shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws.

Officers to be Elected.

31. At the annual meeting the following officers shall be elected, as provided in rule 114: A Master, who shall be designated "Right Worshipful"; a Deputy Master, a Junior Deputy Master, a Chaplain, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Lecturer, a Director of Ceremonies, two Auditors, a Deputy Chaplain for every County Lodge under jurisdiction of said Provincial Grand Lodge (but no brother shall be appointed unless he be a clergy man and have the requisite qualification to vote therein), and a Deputy Secretary. All the foregoing officers must be members of the Royal Scarlet Order, and shall be designated Provincial Grand Officers.

A Quorum Necessary.

32. No meeting of a Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held unless a quorum be present. A quorum shall consist of twelve members, all of whom are Companions of the Royal Scarlet Order. "The hours of meeting of Provincial Grand Lodges shall be the same as provided in Rule 9."

32A. The order of business at meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be:

FIRST DAY.

1. Opening the Provincial Grand Lodge in the Royal Scarlet Degree.
2. Reading Scriptures.
3. Appointing Committee to draft the Standing Committees.
4. Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture.
5. Business connected with the Royal Scarlet Degree.
6. Reduction to the Orange Degree.
7. Grand Master's Address.
8. Reading Annual Reports of Grand Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditors.
9. Receiving and adopting the Report of the Committee to draft the Standing Committees.
10. Reading and receiving, Petitions, Appeals, and Reports.
11. Referring Petitions, Appeals and Reports.
12. Notices of Motion.
13. General Business.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS.

1. Reading Scripture.
2. Reading and Adopting preceding day's minutes.
3. Receiving Reports of Standing Committees.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. General Business.
6. Election and Installation of Officers.
7. Selection of next place of meeting.
8. Raising the Grand Lodge to the Royal Scarlet Degree.
9. Reading minutes.
10. Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture.
11. Closing Ceremonies.

Committees.

32½. The Standing Committees of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be :

- (a) Credentials.
- (b) Correspondence.
- (c) Finance.
- (d) Suspensions and Expulsions.
- (e) Petitions and Appeals.
- (f) Returns.

Each of which shall be composed of five members. Their duties shall be as provided for like Committees in Rule

The duties of the Committee on Returns shall be to examine the Returns of the several County Lodges and to report upon the statistics as to the membership in such County Lodge Returns.

Fees to Grand Lodge.

33. Each Provincial Grand Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for each Primary Lodge not declared dormant in its jurisdiction, which sum shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge immediately after each annual meeting.

Powers and Duties of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

The Provincial Grand Master.

34. Each Provincial Grand Master shall, by virtue of his office, be a Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

35. If the Provincial Grand Master be present, he shall preside at all meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge; if he be absent, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall preside; in his absence, the Junior Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall preside; and in the absence of the foregoing officers the lodge shall elect one of its number to preside, who shall, while occupying the chair, have all the powers of the Provincial Grand Master.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

36. Any vacancy, caused by death or otherwise, in the office of the Provincial Grand Master, shall be filled by the succession of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and in the event of his death or resignation, the Junior Deputy Grand Master shall fill the office.

The Provincial Grand Secretary.

37. Provincial Grand Secretaries shall furnish to the County and District Masters in their respective Provinces all blank forms of returns, etc. (which shall contain a space set apart for Primary and District Lodges to make returns of all the members who hold certificates in the Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund according to a plan to be prescribed by the Executive of that Department), required by the lodges. They shall transmit annually to the Grand Secretary, within two weeks after the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a report in writing giving the names and Post Office addresses of the Provincial Grand Officers, County Officers, County Masters and District Masters for the current year, and the number of Lodges in each County. They shall forward at the same time a statement of the County and District Lodges which have made their Annual Returns, as well as of those which have not done so, together with a list of the suspensions and expulsions for the past year, and a memorandum of the time and place selected for holding the next annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer.

38. The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall keep the books

of accounts between the Provincial Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges ; and he shall forward to the Grand Treasurer, immediately after the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, all Grand Lodge dues.

General Powers of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

39. Provincial Grand Officers shall, within their respective jurisdictions, have all the powers and privileges vested in the Grand Officers, but in subordination thereto, and shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of the Grand Lodge.

County Lodges.

Territorial Limits.

40. County Lodges shall exercise jurisdiction over the territory assigned to them by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Who Shall Compose County Lodges.

41. County Lodges shall be composed of their officers, District officers, Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Recording and Financial Secretaries, Treasurers, Directors of Ceremonies, Lecturers and senior Committeemen of Primary Lodges, and Masters of Orange Young Briton District and Primary Lodges, and Past Masters of County, District and Primary Lodges who have not withdrawn their certificates for more than two years, and are now in good standing in a Primary Lodge within the County, and who have received the Orange, Purple, Blue and Royal Arch Purple Degrees.

Annual Meeting.

42. The annual meeting of a County Lodge shall be held on the first Tuesday in February. Should, however, unavoidable circumstances prevent a meeting being held on that day, then it shall be held on the next succeeding Tuesday.

A Quorum Necessary.

43. Nine members shall form a quorum ; and no meeting of a County Lodge shall be held unless that number be present.

**County Lodges to be Opened in the Royal Arch
Purple Degree.**

44. County Lodges shall be opened in the Royal Arch Purple Degree ; but may be reduced at the option of the Lodge.

Officers to be Elected.

45. The members shall attend the annual meeting without notice, and shall elect for the ensuing year, as provided in Rule 114: A Master and a Deputy Master, who shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree ; a Chaplain, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies, Lecturer, and not more than two Deputy Lecturers.

County Lodge shall Fill Vacancy.

45½. That except as provided by Rule 52 in the event of a vacancy occurring in an office by death, resignation or otherwise, the County Lodge shall at its first meeting thereafter proceed to fill such vacancy ; and in case a member who is already an officer of the lodge is elected to fill a vacancy, his election shall render vacant the office then held by him, which latter vacancy shall thereupon be forthwith filled.

Order of Business.

46. The order of business at Annual Meeting shall be :

1. Prayer.
2. Reading Scriptures.
3. Repetition of Lecture.
4. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, and signed by the Master.
5. Appointing standing Committees. The Credential Committee to report at once.
6. Address of County Master and Reports of Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Finance Committee.
7. Reports from District Masters (which shall be in writing).
8. Unfinished Business.
9. General Business.
10. Election and Installation of Officers.
11. Selection of next place of meeting.
12. Repetition of Lecture.
13. Closing the Lodge with Prayer.

Standing Committees.

47. At each annual meeting of a County Lodge there shall be four Standing Committees appointed—on Finance, Credentials, and Suspensions and Expulsions—

which shall each be composed of three members, whose duties shall be the same as those of similar Committees of the Grand Lodge, and a Committee on Returns whose duties shall be to go carefully over all the returns from the Lodges under their jurisdiction, correct all errors and irregularities, and prepare and present a tabulated statement to the County Lodge, so that a correct report may be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary. At all other meetings a Committee on Credentials shall be appointed.

Power to Establish District Lodges.

48. Each County Lodge may establish within its territory District Lodges, which shall be composed of not less than three Primary Lodges.

Power to Levy Fees and Make By-laws.

49. County Lodges may levy a fee, by capitation tax or otherwise, for County purposes, and may arrange their order of business, unless at annual meeting, by By-laws which must be approved of by the Grand Master.

Powers and Duties of County Lodge Officers.

The County Master.

50. If the County Master be present, he shall preside at all meetings of the County Lodge; if he be absent, the Deputy Master shall preside; if both be absent, the Senior District Master present shall preside; if no District Master be present, the Senior Primary Master present shall preside, and during his occupancy of the chair he shall be vested with all the powers of the County Master.

51. It shall be the duty of the County Master to see that the annual returns are properly made by the County Secretary, and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary within one week after the holding of the annual meeting; also, that the County Treasurer forward to the Provincial Grand Treasurer all Provincial Grand Lodge dues; and no County Master shall be permitted to vote in a superior lodge unless the Annual Returns and dues of the County have been forwarded thereto.

The Deputy County Master.

52. Any vacancy caused by death or otherwise in the office of County Master shall be filled by the succession of the Deputy County Master.

53. If the Deputy County Master be present he shall occupy the deputy chair, select and give the retiring password to the members, and assist the County Master in the discharge of his duties; should he be absent, the deputy chair shall be filled as provided for in Rule 50.

The County Secretary.

54. The County Secretary shall make out the Annual Returns, and forward them to the Provincial Grand Secretary within one week after the holding of the Annual meeting.

The County Treasurer.

55. The County Treasurer shall, immediately after the annual County meeting, forward to the Provincial Grand Treasurer all Grand Lodge dues.

General Powers of County Lodges.

56. County officers shall be *ex-officio* members of all District and Primary Lodges under their jurisdiction. They shall have the right to vote therein upon all questions, excepting the distribution of lodge funds, the election of officers, and the adoption of by-laws; they shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of the Grand Lodge, and shall be designated "Worshipful."

District Lodges.

Territorial Limits.

57. District Lodges shall exercise jurisdiction over the territory assigned to them by the County Lodge. They shall be composed of not less than three Primary Lodges.

Who Shall Compose District Lodges.

58. District Lodges shall be composed of their own officers; Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Recording and Financial Secretaries, Treasurers, Directors of Ceremonies, Lecturers, and Senior Committeemen of Primary

Lodges, and Masters of Orange Young Britons' Districts and Primary Lodges; Past District Masters and Past Masters of Primary Lodges, who have not withdrawn their certificates for more than two years, and been members of some Primary Lodge in the District, who have received the Degrees of Orange, Purple, Blue, and Royal Arch Purple.

Annual Meeting.

59. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in January. Should, however, unavoidable circumstances prevent a meeting on that day, then it shall be held on the next succeeding Tuesday.

A Quorum Necessary.

60. Seven members shall form a quorum; and no District Meeting shall be held unless that number be present.

District Lodges to be Opened in the Blue Degree.

61. District Lodges must be opened in the Blue Degree, but may be reduced at the option of the lodge.

Officers to be Elected.

62. The members shall attend the annual meeting without notice, when there shall be elected, as provided in Rule 114: A Master and Deputy Master, who shall hold the Royal Scarlet Degree; a Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies and Lecturer.

Order of Business.

63. The order of business at Annual Meeting shall be:

1. Prayer.
2. Reading Scriptures.
3. Repetition of Lecture.
4. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, and signed by the Master.
5. Reports of Masters of Primary Lodges.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. General Business.
8. Election and Installation of officers.
9. Selection of next place of meeting.
10. Repetition of Lecture.
11. Closing the Lodge with Prayer

Committees.

64. At each annual meeting of the District Lodge there shall be appointed by the lodge three Standing Committees—Finance and Credentials—which shall each be composed of two members, whose duties shall be the same as those of similar Committees of the Grand Lodge, and a Committee on Returns whose duties shall be to go carefully over all the returns from the lodges under their jurisdiction, correct all errors and irregularities, and prepare and present a tabulated statement to their District Lodge so that a correct report may be sent to the County Recording Secretary.

Fees.

65. District Lodges may levy a fee, by capitation tax, or otherwise, for District purposes.

By-laws and Meetings.

66. District Lodges may meet as often as the members deem necessary, and may arrange their Order of Business, unless at annual meetings, by by-laws, which must be approved of by the Grand Master.

Powers and Duties of District Lodge Officers.

The District Master.

67. If the District Master be present he shall preside at all meetings of the District Lodge; if he be absent the Deputy Master shall preside. In the absence of the Master and Deputy Master, the Senior Master present of a Primary Lodge shall preside, and during his occupancy of the chair he shall have all the powers of the District Master.

68. It shall be the duty of the District Master to visit every lodge under his jurisdiction at least once a year, (for which the District Lodge shall pay his travelling expenses) and correct all irregularities and any infringements of the Constitution; and upon receiving information of any irregularity, he shall, without delay, investigate and correct the same.

69. The District Master shall have power to cause an officer of a District or Primary Lodge to be summoned before the District Lodge for refusing to obey his orders ; and the charge shall be investigated and the offender punished as the District Lodge may direct.

70. The District Master shall open all new lodges in his District, and install the officers thereof.

71. It shall be the duty of the District Master to see that the Annual Returns are properly made by the District Recording Secretary, and forwarded to the County Secretary before the first Tuesday in February ; also, that the District Treasurer has forwarded to the County Treasurer all dues ; and no District Master shall be allowed to vote in a superior lodge unless the Annual Returns have been forwarded to the County Secretary, and the dues forwarded to the County Treasurer.

The Deputy District Master.

72. If the Deputy District Master be present he shall occupy the deputy chair, select and give the retiring password to the members, and assist the District Master in the discharge of his duties. Should he be absent the deputy chair shall be filled as provided for in Rule 67.

The District Recording Secretary.

73. The District Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal, minute book and papers of the lodge. He shall keep a record of the proceedings, issue all summonses, conduct the correspondence, make out the Annual Returns, and forward the same to the County Secretary, before the first Tuesday in February of each year, and perform such other duties as the lodge may direct.

The District Financial Secretary.

74. The District Financial Secretary shall keep the books of account between the District Lodge and the Primary-Lodges ; present an annual statement of the lodges in arrears ; receive all moneys, and pay the same over to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting.

The District Treasurer.

75. The District Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and shall pay all accounts passed by the lodge and certified by the Master. He shall at each annual meeting present a statement of the financial condition of the lodge. He shall pay over to the County Treasurer, at or before the annual County meeting, all dues, and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

General Powers of District Lodge Officers.

76. District officers shall be *ex officio* members of all Primary Lodges within their jurisdiction; and shall have the right to vote on all questions, excepting the distribution of lodge funds, the election of officers, and the adoption of by-laws. They shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of the Grand Lodge and Primary Lodges, and shall be designated, "Worshipful."

Primary Lodges.

Number of Members Necessary to form a Primary Lodge.

77. Each Primary Lodge shall be composed of not less than six members, and shall meet monthly or oftener.

A Quorum Necessary.

78. Five members shall form a quorum; and no meeting of a Primary Lodge shall be held unless that number be present.

Officers.

79. The officers of a Primary Lodge shall be a Master, Deputy Master, Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies, Lecturer (all of whom shall have the Royal Arch Purple Degree), and, as soon as possible, five Committeemen, the first of whom shall have the Royal Arch Purple Degree, and such other officers as the By-Laws may provide.

Order of Business.

80. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Prayer and reading Scriptures.
2. Reading of the obligation by the W. M.
3. Repetition of Lecture.
4. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.
5. Applications for Membership.
6. Reports on Candidates.
7. Balloting for Candidates.
8. Initiation of Candidates.
9. Are there any member wishing to take out any Insurance Policy ?
 - (a) Has any Member anything to say in connection with our Insurance Department?
 - (b) If there are any wishing to become insured, application and Medical Examination Papers are on hand.
10. Reports of Committees and reading Correspondence.
11. General Business.
12. Election and Installation of Officers.
13. Roll Call and Collection of Dues.
14. Collection of and issuing of receipts for assessments due by members of the Benefit Fund.
15. Repetition of Lecture.
16. Closing the Lodge in due form.

Election of Officers.

81. The election and installation of officers for the ensuing year shall take place at the December meeting ; but, from any unavoidable cause the election does not then take place, the Worshipful Master or senior officer for the time being shall call a special meeting for that purpose as soon as possible.

Installation of Officers.

82. The Officers elect shall be installed by a Past Master or by the Master or Past Master of a Superior Lodge.

How Vacant Offices are to be Filled.

83. In the event of a vacancy occurring in an office, the lodge shall at the first meeting thereafter proceed to fill such vacancy ; and in case a member who is already an officer of the lodge is elected to fill the vacancy, he shall on accepting the same, vacate the office then held by him. If the vacancy be that of the Master, the Deputy Master, a Past Master, or some officer selected by the lodge, shall preside until the vacancy is filled.

Annual Returns.

84. Each Primary Lodge shall make an Annual Return to the District Lodge within whose jurisdiction it is situated, according to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge. When there are no District or County Lodges, the Annual Returns of Primary Lodges shall be transmitted to the next highest lodge.

Dues.

85. Each Primary Lodge shall pay annually not less than two dollars and fifty cents to the Provincial Grand Lodge. In no case shall the Master of a Primary Lodge receive the Annual until this regulation has been complied with. Isolated lodges shall transmit their dues direct to the Grand Treasurer.

The Term "Year" Defined in Reference to Payment of Dues.

86. All dues paid by Primary Lodges shall be for the year ending on the last day of the natural year.

When Shall a Primary Lodge be Considered Dormant?

87. Any Primary Lodge which shall not meet for six consecutive months shall be considered dormant.

Settlement of Disputes Between Primary Lodges.

88. Any dispute arising between Primary Lodges shall be referred to the District Lodge, if both be in the same District; but, if not, then to the County Lodge; if not within the same County, to the Provincial Grand Lodge and if both be not under the jurisdiction of the same Provincial Grand Lodge, such dispute shall be referred to the Grand Lodge for adjustment.

Powers and Duties of Primary Lodge Officers

The Master.

89. The Master shall, if present, preside at all meetings; in his absence the Deputy Master shall preside; but, should both these officers be absent, then a Past Master may preside, or some other brother selected by the lodge.

90. The Master shall be the custodian of all the property of the lodge, except as provided for in Rules No. 97, 98 and 99.

91. The Master shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees.

92. The Master shall see that the Annual Return of the lodge is properly made out by the Recording Secretary and forwarded to the District Secretary at or before the annual District Meeting, and that the dues are paid by the Treasurer to the District Treasurer; and no Master shall be permitted to vote in the District, County or Provincial Grand Lodge unless the lodge has paid all dues and made its Annual Return.

93. The Annual shall be communicated by the Master to the members of the lodge not in arrears, and to none other.

94. The Master shall be responsible for the good government of the lodge, and shall see that the Constitution and Rules of the Association are observed.

The Deputy Master.

95. The Deputy Master shall occupy the deputy chair. He shall select and give the retiring password to the members, and shall assist the Master in the discharge of his duties.

The Chaplain.

96. The Chaplain shall conduct the religious services.

The Recording Secretary.

97. The Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal, minute book and papers of the lodge. He shall keep a record of the proceedings, issue all summonses, conduct the correspondence, make out all returns, and perform such other duties as the lodge may direct.

The Financial Secretary.

98. The Financial Secretary shall keep the books and account between the lodge and its members; prepare and present at the meetings in March, June, September and December a complete list of those in arrears. He shall make a demand upon each member in arrears for payment.

ment thereof at least once in each year, collect and receive all moneys, and pay the same over to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting.

Sub-sec. 2. He shall, if appointed by his lodge for that purpose, collect and give receipts for all assessments which shall from time to time become due or payable by members of the Primary Lodge holding Certificates in the Benefit Fund, and shall remit the amount of all monthly assessments to the Secretary of the Benefit Fund on or before the last day of each calendar month, and the amount of all special assessments within thirty-five days after the call of the Secretary for which special assessment has been made. He shall in all matters relating to the Benefit Fund be subject to the Rules and Regulations of that Fund, and to the direction of the Executive thereof, which shall fix the remuneration to be allowed for all services rendered to the Fund.

Sub-sec. 3. The Executive of the Benefit Fund may at any time suspend any Financial Secretary from discharging any duties for or in relation to the Benefit Fund.

The Treasurer.

99. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds, and shall pay accounts passed by the lodge and certified by the Master. He shall, when required, present a complete statement of the financial condition of the lodge. He shall forward to the District Treasurer, before or at the annual District Meeting, all dues, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

99½. No lodge shall either directly or indirectly refund any portion of the initiation or degree fees, and any lodge guilty of such violation of the Constitution shall not be entitled to the Annual, and shall be liable to have its warrant taken up.

The Director of Ceremonies.

100. The Director of Ceremonies shall see that the members are clothed in the regalia provided for in Rule 138, take charge of the processions and ceremonies, and assign to the officers and member their positions, as provided for in Rule 139.

The Lecturer.

101. The Lecturer shall instruct the members in the lectures, signs and passwords, and in the proper way of entering and leaving the lodge.

The Committee.

102. The Committee shall enquire into the character of candidates for membership. They shall try all charges made against members, and shall report in writing the evidence taken and the results of their deliberations.

General Rules.

Applicable to all Lodges.

Opening of a Lodge.

103. Previous to the opening of a lodge the Master shall cause everyone in the room to be tested ; and no one shall be allowed to remain who is not in possession of the Annual, or vouched for by a member.

Lodges to be Guarded by Tylers.

104. All lodges when in session shall be guarded by an Outside and an Inside Tyler, who shall be appointed by the Master.

The Outside Tyler.

105. The Outside Tyler shall guard the entrance to the lodge, allow no one to pass until properly tested, and give the proper signals to the Inside Tyler ; but under special circumstances shall he open the door of the lodge.

The Inside Tyler.

106. The Inside Tyler shall guard the entrance to the lodge from the inside ; answer the signals of the Outside Tyler and ascertain their cause ; permit qualified brethren to enter ; report to the Master the names of persons presenting themselves for admission not having the neces-

qualifications, and admit such when instructed by the Master. He shall keep the door of the lodge closed during the opening and closing ceremonies, the repetition or lectures, and taking of a vote. He shall not permit any brother to leave the lodge who is not in possession of the retiring password.

Saluting the Master.

107. Every member, upon entering or leaving a lodge, shall advance to the centre of the room and salute the Master, by giving the sign of the Degree at work, as laid down in the Code of Instructions.

Visitors.

108. Members who have not withdrawn their certificates, and who have the current Annual, may be admitted as visitors to the meeting of any lodge.

Rules of Order.

109. The following shall be the Rules of Order :

1. The Master shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order or practice, stating the rule applicable. His decision shall be subject to an appeal to the lodge.
2. The Master shall not take part in any debate, nor vote on any motion unless on an equal division, except in the election of officers, when he may cast a ballot. He may, however, express his views on any question being debated, before the vote is taken.
3. Every member shall, previous to speaking, rise and address the Master.
4. When two or more members rise at the same time the Master shall decide which is to speak first.
5. When the Master is putting a question no member shall speak or move about the Lodge Room.
6. No member, while speaking, shall be interrupted, except to explain, or upon a point of order.
7. When a member is called to order he shall resume his seat until the question of order is decided; he may, however, be permitted to explain, but in no case to introduce new matter.
8. When the ruling of the Master is appealed against he shall without debate put the question in the following words: "Shall the ruling of the Master be sustained?" He shall have the right to state his reasons for the decision given.
9. No member shall speak disrespectfully of the King, or of any member of the Royal Family, or of the persons administering the Government of Canada or any of the Provinces; nor shall he use any improper language, nor speak beside the question in debate.

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10. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes, without the permission of the Lodge, unless in explanation, except the mover, who shall have the right of reply, after which the debate shall close. This rule shall not be applicable when in Committee of the Whole.
11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when it was the next preceding motion.
12. No motion shall be received unless it be in writing and seconded, but it shall be optional with Primary Lodges to receive motions either verbally or in writing.
13. A member may require the motion under discussion to be read for his information at any time during the debate, except when a member is speaking.
14. After a motion has been received by the Master it shall be in possession of the Lodge; but may be withdrawn at any time before decision, by permission of the Lodge.
15. When a question is being debated no motion shall be received except to amend, to postpone, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to adjourn, or to commit.
16. On the call of five members the "previous question" shall be put, and, until decided, shall preclude all amendments or debate, and shall be submitted in the following words: "Shall the vote on the main question be now taken?"
17. All motions shall be submitted in the order in which they are received, except to amend, for fixing dates or naming sums when that for the largest sum or the longest date shall be submitted first.
18. All motions, before being debated, shall be read by the mover.
19. No motion to reconsider shall be in order unless made by a member who voted with the majority.
20. It shall be the duty of the Master when a motion is out of order to inform the Lodge, and to cite the Rule applicable.
21. No motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall be received.
22. The yeas and nays shall only be taken upon the request of seven members.
23. Any member refusing to take his seat when ordered by the Master shall be suspended for the session.
24. In all unprovided cases the Master shall decide, but his decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Lodge.

Lodge Shall Appoint Committees.

II. All Committees shall be appointed by the lodge.

Committee of the Whole.

III. It shall be competent for a lodge, if the majority of the members so decide, to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss any subject which may come before it; and in such case the Master shall appoint a

member to act as chairman. When a lodge is in Committee of the Whole Rules of Order Nos. 10 and 12 shall not apply.

By-Laws.

112. Lodges shall have power, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, to make by-laws for their internal government, and for the imposition and collection of fees for ordinary or benevolent purposes, which are not inconsistent with the Constitution or by-laws of any superior lodge. The by-laws of Primary Lodge shall be examined and approved by the Provincial Grand Master under whose jurisdiction the lodges are located; and the by-laws of District and County Lodges shall be examined and approved by the Grand Master, before being promulgated.

Eligibility for Office.

113. No brother shall be eligible for election to an office in any lodge unless he is entitled to vote therein.

Mode of Election.

114. Candidates for office shall be nominated; and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. If there be only one candidate the Master shall cast a ballot for him, and declare him elected. In the event of there being more than one person nominated the Master shall appoint two scrutineers, who shall prepare ballot papers, and distribute one to each member. The members shall write upon the ballot papers the name of the candidate they prefer, and return them to the scrutineers, who shall count the number of votes given to each, and report the result to the Master. Should there have been no election, balloting shall be resumed, the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes retiring after each ballot. Balloting shall be continued until a majority of all the votes cast is given to one candidate.

Members Must Vote, unless Excused.

115. When a vote is being taken, whether by ballot or otherwise, all the members present shall vote, unless the lodge by a majority of votes shall excuse them.

Responsibility for Dues.

116. Lodges having subordinate lodges under their immediate jurisdiction shall be responsible for the payment of all dues of the said lodges, until their warrants have been returned to the Provincial Grand Secretary or notice of their having become dormant given by the Secretary to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Copies of Constitution and Reports to be Filed.

117. Every lodge shall keep on file a copy of the Constitution and of the Reports of the Grand Lodge; and the Secretary shall from time to time note in the book of the Constitution all changes made therein.

Where Lodge Meetings shall not be held.

118. No lodge meeting shall be held in a hotel, tavern, or saloon, nor shall any intoxicating liquor be introduced or used as a beverage in a lodge room, either before or during a meeting, or at its close.

Members shall not Leave Without Permission.

119. A member shall not leave a lodge without its permission, nor until he has received the retiring password from the Deputy Master.

Powers of Masters.

120. The Master of a lodge may call a special meeting of which due notice shall be given to all the members.

121. The Master of a lodge shall be *ex officio* a member of all Committees of the Lodge.

122. No member shall communicate the Annual to another, unless authorized by the Master of his lodge, and then only to a member thereof.

123. Any question arising, which is not provided for by the Constitution, shall be decided by the Master, subject to an appeal to the lodge, and afterwards to the Grand Master.

Treasurer's Bonds.

123½. Lodges may require their Treasurer to give security, in such sum as the lodge may determine, for the

faithful performance of his duties, and for the accounting for and payment over of all monies with which he is chargeable.

Warrants.

Who Shall Grant Warrants?

124. All warrants shall be issued by the Grand Lodge, and shall be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary ; and no meeting of any lodge shall be held unless under and by virtue of a warrant.

Applications for Warrants.

125. An application for a Primary Lodge warrant must be made by not less than six brethren having certificates, who shall set forth the name of the brother they have selected to be the Master, and the place where the meetings are to be held ; or, if the applicants are not Orangemen or if they have not obtained all the degrees, the Grand Master shall issue his dispensation to open a lodge, and initiate the charter members, and confer the several degrees on all charter members who have not already obtained them. Applications for Warrants or renewals for Primary Lodges shall be made to the Grand Secretary through the District and County Masters and the Provincial Grand Secretary, who must recommend the same before they can be issued. Where no Provincial Grand Lodge exists application shall be made to the Grand Secretary. An application for a District Lodge warrant shall be made to the Grand Secretary by the County Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is to be held ; and an application for a County Lodge warrant shall be made by the Provincial Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is to be situated ; and an application for a Provincial Grand Lodge warrant shall be made to the Grand Lodge.

Fees for Warrants.

126. The fee for a new warrant under the Incorporation Act for a Primary Lodge shall be ten dollars; for an incorporation warrant of an existing lodge, six dollars, and for a renewal warrant of the same, three dollars. The fee for a warrant for a District Lodge shall be six dollars; for a warrant for a County Lodge, six dollars; for a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge, ten dollars. The fee must in all cases accompany the application to the Grand Secretary.

Dormant Warrants.

127. When a lodge becomes dormant, it shall be the duty of the Master of the next superior lodge to demand and take possession of the warrant and all other property in the name and on behalf of the lodge which he represents. Any claim for rents which may be standing against the property of the lodge shall be liquidated by the lodge which has taken possession of the property; and any member or members who shall apply for such property thereafter shall first reimburse said lodge in the amount paid by it. Any member who shall under any circumstances retain possession and refuse to give up possession of warrant or other property of a dormant lodge shall be expelled from the Association.

Loaning Warrants, etc.

128. Any member who shall loan or use a warrant for the opening or holding any lodge other than the one for which it was issued, or who shall use it for holding a lodge outside the place or territory it was granted for, or who shall give a copy or duplicate of the same for the opening or holding of any lodge, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his trust, and shall be suspended or expelled. A brother acting under a warrant so loaned or held, or a copy or duplicate so given, shall likewise be suspended or expelled; and no lodge or member of the Association shall knowingly acknowledge any individual thus surreptitiously initiated: and any officer giving the Annual Meeting to any of the offending parties, or to any of the surreptitiously introduced members, shall be considered equally guilty, and shall be suspended or expelled.

Membership.

How to Obtain Membership.

129. Candidates for membership (who must be at least eighteen years of age) and who shall not be manufacturers of or dealers in spirituous or intoxicating liquore for beverage purposes, shall make application in writing to the Primary Lodge nearest to their place of residences (except in cities, towns or villages where more than one lodge exists, application may be made to any of them), and must be recommended by two members of the lodge, who shall sign the application, which shall be referred to the Committee to be reported upon at a subsequent meeting. If three ballots are cast against the admission of a candidate he shall be rejected. Rejected candidates may again apply for admission twelve months after the date of their rejection; but in no case shall they make application to two or more lodges at the same time.

129a. That to the form of application referred to in the preceding clause there be annexed the following form of Application for Insurance, the filling and the signing of which shall be optional with the candidate :

LIFE INSURANCE APPLICATION.

I,, residing at....., in the County of....., do hereby make application to the Grand Orange Lodge of British America for membership in the Benefit Fund and a Certificate of Insurance for One Thousand Dollars upon my life, and as a consideration therefore I warrant the representations, statements and answers as written herein to be full, complete and true, and without any suppression of facts so far as such representations, statements and answers are material to the contracts of insurance to be based thereon.

1. Give full name of person or persons for whose benefit the Certificate is to be issued, and his or her relationship.
2. What was your age last birthday?
3. Have you any insurance on your life? (a) When taken?
(b) What amount? (c) What company?

4. Have you ever applied for insurance in any company or society and been rejected ?
5. How long since you consulted, or were attended by a physician ?
6. What was the disease or ailment ? Give full particulars.
7. Are you now a member in good standing in the Loyal Orange Association, or do you intend to be ?
8. If so, to what Primary Lodge do you belong, or intend to belong ?

Dated at.....the.....day of.....

.....Applica

Witnesses.....

RATES OF ASSESSMENT.

Age	\$1,000	Age	\$1,000
18.....	60c.	34.....	76c.
19.....	61	35.....	78
20.....	62	36.....	80
21.....	63	37.....	82
22.....	64	38.....	84
23.....	65	39.....	86
24.....	66	40.....	88
25.....	67	41.....	90
26.....	68	42.....	92
27.....	69	43.....	95
28.....	70	44.....	98
29.....	71	45.....	\$1 02
30.....	72	46.....	1 07
31.....	73	47.....	1 14
32.....	74	48.....	1 22
33.....	75	49.....	1 35

And the Annual Fee of \$2.00 a year.

Medical examination	\$2 00
Registration fee	1 00
Total cost of obtaining Certificate	3 00

129½. A candidate desiring to join a lodge, other than the one nearest to his place of residence, may make application to any Primary Lodge by obtaining and presenting with his application the consent in writing from the lodge in whose jurisdiction his place of residence is situated, and no lodge shall receive or act upon an application from a candidate outside of their jurisdiction unless accompanied by the document above mentioned (except in cities, towns and villages where more than one lodge exists in which case co-ordinate jurisdiction shall apply).

Membership by Certificate.

130. If a member holding a certificate issued by an authority of the Grand Lodge wishes to join a Primary Lodge, he must first deposit it therein, and in writing surrender all claim thereto and make application for admission on the official form. An application for admission by certificate may be received and balloted for at the same meeting, and a majority vote shall decide whether the applicant shall be admitted or not; but in no case shall a lodge return a certificate when it is of opinion the good of the Association requires that it should be withheld. A member holding a certificate from Great Britain and Ireland, from any of the Colonies or from the United States, may be admitted to membership upon compliance with the conditions contained in this clause, provided he takes the obligation administered to a candidate, and also an obligation that he is the person purporting to be named in the certificate, and that he has been regularly initiated as an Orangeman.

Members to be Supplied with the Constitution and By-Laws.

131. When a candidate has been initiated, or when a member joins by certificate, he shall receive a copy of the Constitution and of the By-Laws of the lodge.

Honorary Members may be Appointed.

132. A lodge may constitute any of its members honorary members, upon such conditions as it may direct.

Degrees.

How Conferred.

133. There shall be five degrees in the Association, viz. Orange, Purple, Blue, Royal Arch Purple, and Royal Scarlet, which shall be conferred only in open lodge; the first four shall be conferred under an Orange warrant and the fifth under the authority of a Royal Scarlet Dispensation.

When Degrees may be Conferred.

134. One month shall elapse between the conferring of each degree, except where otherwise provided; but in no case shall it be lawful to confer any Degree out of rotation. No member shall be advanced to a higher Degree without first being examined in open lodge and proving himself proficient in the work of the preceding Degree.

Dispensation to Confer Degrees.

135. The Grand and Provincial Grand Masters shall have power to confer, or authorize the conferring of Degrees without awaiting the lapse of the usual probationary time. An entry of the authority by which Degrees were so conferred shall be made in the Initiation or Degree Book of the lodge to which the member or members to be advanced belong.

Degrees may be conferred in Different Lodges.

136. Upon payment of the fee, and upon presentation of a certificate to that effect from the Master of his lodge, a member may receive any Degree conferrable under a Orange Warrant in another lodge; but an entry of such advancement shall be made in the Degree Book of his lodge.

Fee for Degrees.

137. The fee for the several Degrees shall be as follows : Orange, not less than \$2, nor more than \$5 ; Purple, not less than \$1, nor more than \$5 ; Blue, not less than \$1, nor more than \$5 ; Royal Arch Purple, not less than \$2, nor more than \$10 ; Orange Lodges may collect the fee for all the Degrees conferrable under an Orange Warrant from the candidate in a lump sum in advance ; Royal Scarlet, not less than \$3, nor more than \$10.

Regalia.

What Regalia may be Worn.

138. The Regalia that shall be worn at all lodge meetings and in all processions shall be as follows :

Members of Primary Lodges who have obtained the Orange Degree only shall wear an Orange sash made of silk ribbon four inches wide, trimmed at end with Orange silk fringe or gold fringe.

Members who have obtained the Blue, Purple and Arch Purple Degrees, shall wear a sash with Orange ground, and blue or purple stripes in it, said sash to be made of ribbon four and a half inches wide, trimmed with Orange silk fringe or gold fringe at ends.

Members who have the Scarlet Degree shall wear a Scarlet sash, made of ribbon four and a half inches wide, trimmed with Scarlet silk fringe or gold fringe.

Sashes shall be worn from left to right.

Officers of Primary Lodges shall wear Collars made of Orange velvet, trimmed with gold lace, or fringe, or both.

Officers of District Lodges shall wear Collars made of dark blue velvet, trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

Officers of County Lodges shall wear Collars made of purple velvet, trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges shall wear Scarlet velvet Collars, trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

Officers of the Grand Lodge shall wear Scarlet velvet Collars, embroidered in gold, the design of the embroidery being the Rose, Thistle, Shamrock and Maple Leaves entwined, richly trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

Officers of Primary, District and County Lodges shall wear, on the right breast of their collars, Jewels which shall be distinctive of their offices. Officers of the Grand and Provincial Lodges shall wear their Jewels attached to an Orange ribbon two inches wide, which shall be worn around the neck over the collar. The Jewel to be worn by a Master shall be two gavels crossed ; by a Deputy Master, one gavel ; by a Secretary two pens crossed ; by a Financial Secretary, a pen and

a key crossed ; by a Treasurer, two keys ; by a Chaplain an open Bible ; by a Director of Ceremonies, two wands crossed ; by a Lecturer, a closed book. These Jewels to be made of silver or gold as preferred.

A Past Master's Jewel shall consist of a five pointed star, made of gilt or gold. On the star there shall be placed two gavels crossed, made of silver, or silvered ; it shall be attached to a ribbon with clasps ; the color of a ribbon for the Past Master of a Primary Lodge being orange ; for a Past District Master, blue ribbon ; for a Past County Master, purple ribbon ; and for the Past Provincial and Grand Masters, scarlet ribbon. These Jewels to be worn as provided for Officers' Jewels.

Order of Precedence.

The Order to be Observed.

139. The following shall be the Order of Precedence :

Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters, according to seniority.

Deputy Grand Master.

Provincial Grand Masters, according to seniority.

Grand Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer and Director of Ceremonies.

Deputy Grand Chaplains, Secretary, Treasurer and Lecturers.

Past Deputy Grand Masters, according to seniority.

Past Provincial Grand Masters, according to seniority.

Provincial Grand Chaplains, Secretaries, Treasurers, Lecturers and Directors of Ceremonies.

Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplains, and Secretaries.

Past Grand Lodge officers (other than Past Grand Masters and Deputy Masters), according to seniority, in the same order as before set forth for Grand Lodge Officers.

Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers (other than Past Provincial Grand Masters), according to seniority, in the same order as before set forth for Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Deputy Grand Masters taking precedence.

County Masters, according to seniority.

Past County Masters, according to seniority.

County Officers.

District Masters, according to seniority.

Past District Masters, according to seniority.

Past County Officers.

District Officers.

Masters of Primary Lodges.

Past Masters of Primary Lodges.

Past District Officers.

Officers of Primary Lodges.

Past Officers of Primary Lodges.

Private members, according to seniority.

Lodges shall have precedence according to the date of their warrants

Certificates and Forms.

Who Shall Issue Certificates.

140. All forms of Certificates and Rituals shall be issued by the Grand Lodge, and none other shall be used.

Who Shall Sign Certificates.

141. Certificates must be signed by the Master and Recording Secretary, and must be sealed by the seal of the Lodge issuing them.

How Certificates May be Obtained.

142. On payment of not less than fifty cents, a member not in arrears may apply for a certificate of withdrawal from his lodge, which must be granted to him within one month after application, provided no charge has been made or is pending against him. If, after his certificate has been granted, a brother does not at once claim it, but permits it to remain in possession of the lodge, he shall be considered as having withdrawn his application, and shall continue a member.

142½. It shall be the duty of Secretaries of subordinate lodges when a member has been granted his certificate of withdrawal from his lodge, who joined his lodge by certificate, to give the member if he requires it in addition to his certificate of withdrawal his old certificate; but before delivering up such old certificate, it shall be the duty of such Secretary to write across its front and back in a bold hand the words "cancelled by the issue of a new certificate," together with the date of cancellation, number and name of lodge, by whose authority it has been cancelled, and his own signature.

If Lodge Becomes Dormant, Certificates may be Granted by Superior Lodge.

143. If a Primary Lodge becomes dormant, the next superior lodge shall have the power to grant a certificate to any member of it who was in good standing, upon pay-

ing the fee, and all dues which he owed to the lodge when it became dormant; said fees and dues to be the property of the lodge granting the certificate.

What Forms Shall be Used.

144. The blank forms printed in this book of Constitution and Laws, and none other, shall be used by the Association.

Offences and Penalties.

Expulsion.

145. Expulsion shall take place for the following offences :

1. For living in the state of adultery and fornication.
2. For being convicted of any criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.
3. For failing to transmit, pay over or account for any moneys belonging to the Association, or for maliciously destroying, taking away or retaining its property.
4. For marrying a Roman Catholic.
5. For educating his child in a Roman Catholic school, nunnery or monastery, excepting where no Protestant or Public school exists.
6. For following any unlawful or immoral occupation, or for habitual drunkenness.

Suspension or Expulsion.

146. Suspension or Expulsion may take place for a violation of obligation, or of the Constitution and Laws, or for any immoral conduct, or on conviction of being intoxicated at an Orange gathering or parade.

Punishment for Illegal Publication.

147. Any member who shall utter, print, publish or be privy to the printing, publishing or circulating of any matter or thing derogatory to the Association or the character of any of its officers, shall be suspended or expelled.

Violation of Secrecy.

148. Any member who shall divulge or communicate any matter or proceeding had or transpired in open lodge to any person not a member of the Association, without the sanction of the lodge or the Master, given in writing, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation, and shall be suspended or expelled.

Illegally Communicating Degrees.

149. Any member communicating any of the degrees, or portions thereof, unless authorized so to do, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation.

Default of Dues.

150. Any member remaining in default of dues for six months after payment has been demanded, may be suspended until dues are paid ; and the Recording Secretary shall forthwith notify such member of such suspension.

Failure to Answer Summons.

151. A member failing to attend when summoned, and who does not show satisfactory cause for absence, shall be proceeded against for violation of his obligation.

Absence From December Meeting.

152. Unless a member can give a reason satisfactory to the lodge for absentsing himself from the December meeting of his Primary Lodge, he shall be fined in the sum of twenty-five cents.

Past Master's Suspensions.

152½. Should a Past Master be suspended for non-payment of dues and fail to restore himself to good standing within two years thereafter, his rank of Past Master shall thereupon be forfeited ; and, in the case of suspension for any other cause, such loss of rank shall also occur at the expiration of two years from the date of such suspension, provided reinstatement be not obtained in the meantime.

TRIALS.**Notice to be Given.**

153. Any member against whom a charge has been preferred shall receive eight days' notice, in writing, of the trial. If the party complained of or complaining deems it necessary, he may require the Master of the lodge in which the charge has been made to summon the attendance of any member, whether connected with a Primary Lodge or not, as a witness; and if such member does not attend he shall be proceeded against for the violation of his obligation—if in connection, he shall be tried by the lodge to which he belongs; but if not in connection, he shall be tried by the lodge whose summons he has disregarded.

Procedure without Summons.

154. Any member charged with an offence, upon whom a summons cannot be served, or whose whereabouts is unknown to the Recording Secretary, may be proceeded against as if he had been regularly summoned.

Absence of Defendant or Complainant from trial—Mode of Procedure.

155. If a member against whom a charge has been regularly made, and who has been summoned to attend the trial, fails to appear without giving sufficient reason, he shall be proceeded against as if he were present. Should the complainant fail to appear without giving sufficient reason, the lodge shall acquit the brother complained of, and may at its discretion fine or reprimand the complainant.

Trial of Certain Officers.

156. Upon any complaint being made in writing by a member to a County Master against a District Officer or the Master or Deputy Master of a Primary Lodge, it shall be the duty of the County Master to call a meeting of the County Lodge at a convenient place, within one month after such complaint has been received, and to have the persons complained of and complaining summoned by the County Secretary, that the matter may be investigated.

Members having Certificates may be Tried.

156½. Any brother having obtained his certificate, and thereafter being deemed guilty of any offence, shall be summoned to appear with his certificate before the Primary Lodge nearest to where he then lives, to be tried for the offence.

Penalty for Preferring Frivolous or Vexatious Charges.

157. If, after investigation, a complaint is found to be frivolous and vexatious, the lodge may fine or suspend the complainant.

Subordinate Lodges shall not Try Officers.

158. No Officer of the Association shall be tried in any lodge subordinate to the lodge of which he is an officer, for any offence committed in his official capacity.

Evidence to be Taken in Writing.

159. At the trial of a brother, the evidence shall be taken in writing.

Notification of Verdict.

160. In all cases in which a brother is pronounced guilty of any charge, he shall, if not present, be notified thereof in writing, if it be practicable to do so.

Right to Appeal.

161. In all cases where penalties are imposed, either party shall have the right to appeal to the next highest lodge; and so on to the Grand Lodge.

Decisions Final unless Appealed From.—How to Appeal.

162. All decisions shall be final unless appealed from within two months to the Master of the next highest lodge, stating the reasons for appealing. The appellant shall also furnish a copy of such notice to the Secretary of the lodge whose decision is appealed from. The Secretary shall thereupon transmit to the Secretary of the lodge appealed to all evidence and documents in reference thereto. Appeals shall be made in writing.

Restoration of Suspended or Expelled Members.

162½. Any brother who has been suspended or expelled from the Association may apply to the lodge in which the case was first investigated; and should such lodge deem the applicant worthy, and the cause of suspension

or expulsion removed, it may apply to the several higher lodges to have the brother reinstated ; and sanction being obtained, the brother shall be reinstated.

163. No change shall be made in the Constitution and Laws of the Association except by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge at its annual meeting, before the election of officers, nor unless notice thereof shall have been given in writing at the preceding annual meeting ; nor shall any change be considered by the Grand Lodge until reported upon by the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

All Former Constitutions Repealed.

164. All former Constitutions and Laws of The Loyal Orange Association of British America are hereby repealed.

BLANK FORMS.**FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.**

L. O. A., B. A.

To the Worshipful Master of L.O.L. No.....

Sir,—It is my desire to become a member of the Loyal Orange Association by joining L.O.L. No.. I herewith enclose my fee of admission, and am vouched for by two members of said lodge.

Vouched for by.....Proposer.
 " ".....Secunder.

Signature.....
 Residence.....
 Age.....
 Profession or Occupation.....
 Religious Denomination.....
 Where born.....

Dated at.....this.....day of.... 19....

[NOTE.—The fee in all cases must accompany the application.]

To be annexed, Insurance Application. See Sec. 129a of Constitution.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION.

L. O. A., B. A.

To the Worshipful Master, L.O.L. No.....

SIR AND W. BROTHER,—It is my desire to become a member of L.O.L. No.... I herewith deposit my Certificate, assigning to your lodge all claims thereto. I enclose affiliation fee, and am willing to be governed by the by-laws of your lodge.

Signature.....
 Age.....
 Residence.....
 Occupation.....
 Where born.....

Dated at.....this.....day of.....19....

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL.

THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AMERICA.

Facsimile Grand Secretary's Signature.

Member's Signature

To all whom it may concern, greeting :

We, the Master and Recording Secretary of the District Orange Lodge No., in the District of County of and the Province of do hereby certify that Brother has regularly received the degree of an Orange man.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our lodge at this day of A.D. 19....

{ Seal of } W.M.
Lodge. } Rec. Sec.

NOTE.—If the brother has been the Worshipful Master of the Lodge at any time, the fact should be noted on certificate, giving dates and length of service.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FROM A DISTRICT LODGE.

L. O. A., B. A.

We, the Master and Recording Secretary of the District Orange Lodge of in the County of and Province of do certify, from evidence produced, that Brother was a member in good standing in Loyal Orange Lodge No. (formerly held at in the of in the said County), when said Lodge No. became dormant; and that he has regularly received the degree of an Orange man. We therefore request all regular lodges of our Association to recognize and admit him as such.

In testimony whereof, witness our hands and seal of our said lodge at this day of 19..

{ Seal of Lodge. } W.M.
..... Rec. Sec.

[NOTE.—In case of a Primary Lodge not attached to any District, then this form can be changed to meet the requirements of a County Lodge Certificate.]

FORM OF NOTICE OF MEETING.

.....19....
SIR AND BROTHER.—You are hereby notified that a.....
meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge No.....will be held
 at.....on the.....day of.....19....at.....o'clock
 ..M.

Fraternally yours,

.....
 Recording Secretary.

To Bro.....
 Dues \$.....

FORM OF ORDINARY SUMMONS.

L. O. A., B. A.

To

SIR AND BROTHER.—By order of the Worshipful Master, you are
 summoned and required to attend a.....meeting of
 L. O. L. No., aton the..... day of
19....at.....o'clock....M.

Dated atthis.....day of19....
Rec. Sec.

[Note.—This form can be changed to suit any lodge.]

FORM OF CHARGE.

L. O. A., B. A.

To the Worshipful Master of L. O. L. No.....(or District or
 County Master of, as the case may be.)

SIR AND BROTHER.—I (or we) hereby charge Bro.....
 of L. O. L. No.....(or if an officer state his official position), with
 having violated the Constitution and Laws of the Loyal Orange
 Association, as follows, that is to say: (Here give date of offence
 as near as possible, and state particulars of such offence). and pray
 that investigation may be had in this matter.

Signature {

.....

Dated atthis.....day of.....19....

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF
FORM OF SUMMONS FOR THE TRIAL
OF A MEMBER.

L. O. A., B. A.

To.....

SIR AND BROTHER,—You are hereby summoned and required to appear before the Committee of L. O. L. No. at..... on the day of 19.... at o'clock.... M., and make answer to the charge hereto annexed.

..... W. M.
..... Rec. Sec.

{ Seal of }
{ Lodge }

Dated at this. day of..... 19....

(Here follows copy of charge.)

[Note.—This form can be changed to suit any lodge.]

FORM OF SUMMONS FOR A WITNESS.

L. O. A., B. A.

To.....

SIR AND BROTHER,—You are hereby summoned and required to appear before the Committee of L. O. L. No. at..... on the day of 19...., at o'clock.... M., as witness in the case of Bro. against Bro. for (Here give substance of charge).

..... W. M.
..... Rec. Sec.

{ Seal of }
{ Lodge }

Dated at..... this..... day of..... 19....

[Note.—This form can be changed to suit any lodge.]

FORM OF APPEAL.

L. O. A., B. C.

To.....

W. M. of....[here insert name of lodge appealed to].....

SIR AND W. BRO.,—I hereby give notice that I appeal against the decision and judgment rendered by.....[here insert name of lodge whose decision is appealed from]..... in the matter of.... against.....for..... at request that you will cause to be produced all documents and evidence in relation thereto at the next meeting of the.....[here insert name of lodge appealed to].....in order that the appeal may be fully investigated.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Dated at.....this.....day.....19...

NOTE.—The member appealing must also send a notice similar to the above to the Recording Secretary of the Lodge whose decision is appealed from.]

FORMS OF APPLICATION FOR A PRIMARY ORANGE LODGE DISPENSATION.

L. O. A., B. A.

***FORM "A."**

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of
British America:

We, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Dispensation to be
issued to.....enabling us to form a Primary Orange Lodge
under the name of.....Loyal Orange Lodge
No.....to be held at.....in the District of.....in the
County of.....in the Province of.....in the Dominion
of Canada.

And we pray, when so formed, to be established as a Primary
Orange Lodge, under the Act of Incorporation of the said Grand
Lodge, 53 Vic., Chap. 106, of the Parliament of Canada, and the
Constitution and Laws of the Loyal Orange Association.

And we herewith enclose the fee of \$10 which is to cover the cost
of Dispensation, and when withdrawn and a warrant issued, the
cost of said Warrant and all costs of affidavits, declarations and
registration fees for registering the Warrant in the Registry Office
of the Registration Division of.....

	Name	P.O. Address.
All the Applicants will sign here, not less than six.		
		
		
		
		
		

Dated at... ..this..... day of.....19....

We also hereby recommend the issue of the above Dispensation.

.....District Master of.....
.....County Master of.....
.....Provincial Grand Secretary of.....

***This form to be used when the Applicants are not members of the
Association.**

THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

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FORM "B."

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America :

We, the undersigned members of the Loyal Orange Association, hereby apply for a Dispensation to be issued to Brother..... to enable us to form a Primary Orange Lodge under the name ofLoyal Orange Lodge, to be held at.....in the District of.....in the County of.....in the Province of.....in the Dominion of Canada.

And we pray, when so formed, to be established as a Primary Orange Lodge, under the Act of Incorporation of the said Grand Lodge, 53 Vic., Chap. 105, of the Parliament of Canada, and the Constitution and Laws of the Loyal Orange Association.

And we herewith enclose the fee of \$10 which is to cover the cost of Dispensation, and when withdrawn and a Warrant issued, the cost of said Warrant and all costs of affidavits, declarations and registration fees for registering the Warrant in the Registry Office of the Registration Division of.....

	Name	P.O. Address.
All the Applicants will sign here, not less than six.		
		
		
		
		

Dated at.....this.....day of.....19....

We also hereby recommend the issue of the above Dispensation.

.....District Master of.....
County Master of.....
Provincial Grand Secretary of.....

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A DISTRICT OR
COUNTY WARRANT.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British
America :

We, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Dispensation to be
issued to.....enabling us to form a.....Orange
Lodge under the name of.....Loyal Orange.....
Lodge in the District of.....in the County of.....
in the Province of.....in the Dominion of Canada.

And we pray, when so formed, to be established as a.....
Orange Lodge under the Act of Incorporation of the said Grand
Lodge, 58 Vic., Chap. 106, of the Parliament of Canada, and the
Constitution and Laws of the Loyal Orange Association.

And we herewith enclose the fee of \$6 which is to cover the cost of
Dispensation, and when withdrawn and a Warrant issued, the cost
of said Warrant and all costs of affidavits, declarations and registra-
tion fees for registering the Warrant in the Registry Office of the
Registration Division of.....

Name,

P.O. Address,

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We also hereby recommend the issue of the above Dispensation.

.....County Master of.....
.....Provincial Grand Secretary of.....

Dated at.....this.....day of.....19....

Applications for District Lodge Warrants must be signed by the
Master and Recording Secretary of at least three Primary Lodges.
Applications for a County Lodge Warrant must be signed by the
District Master and Recording Secretary and the Masters of all
Primary Lodges meeting within the jurisdiction of proposed County
Lodge.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO CONVER DEGREES.

To R. W. Bro.....19....

Provincial Grand Master.....

R. W. SIR AND BRO.,—The undersigned on behalf of L. O. L. No.
..... respectfully request you to issue a Dispensation to advance
Bro from the degree to the Degree,
without awaiting the usual probationary period.

{ Seal of }
{ Lodge }

..... W. M.

..... Rec. Sec.

FORM OF PROXY.

L. O. A., B. A.

To the.....Grand Orange Lodge of.....

This is to certify that Brother.....who is a member
of Loyal Orange Lodge No.....in the District ofand
County ofhas been duly nominated and appointed in open
lodge as Proxy to represent it in the.....Grand Orange Lodge
offor the year 19....

In testimony whereof, witness our hands and seal of our lodge at
.....this..... day of,19....

{ Seal of }
{ Lodge }

..... W. M.

..... Rec. Sec.

[NOTE.—This form can be changed to suit any lodge.]

Grand Orange Lodge of British America.

BENEFIT FUND

The Insurance and Endowment scheme was adopted by the R. W. Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West at a special meeting held in Toronto, September, 1881, and subsequently in accordance with resolutions adopted by said Provincial Grand Lodge at its meetings held at St. Thomas and Owen Sound in 1891 and 1892 respectively, and approved of by the M. W. the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, a transfer of the Insurance Department to the G.O.L. of B.A. was carried into effect at the first meeting in February, 1893.

BENEFIT FUND RULES.

Name.

1. This Fund shall be known as the "Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund."

Object.

2. The object of the Benefit Fund is set out in subsection (e) of section 1 of 53 Vic. Cap. 105, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of British America."

Head Office.

3. The Head Office of the Benefit Fund shall be in the City of Toronto.

Membership.

4. The membership of the Benefit Fund shall hereafter be composed exclusively of such brethren who, at the time of their application, are between eighteen and fifty years of age, and are then members in good standing in some Primary Lodge of Orangemen, or Orange Young Britons, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, or of some Lodge in any of the following of the United States of America, namely, the Border States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington, and who have made due application for admission, and passed before a regularly qualified medical practitioner a satisfactory examination, which must be approved of by the Medical Referee of the Benefit Fund, and accepted by the Executive.

Withdrawn, Suspended or Expelled Members.

5. Should a member of the Benefit Fund be suspended or expelled from his Primary Lodge from any cause, or should he withdraw from membership in the Orange Association before he has been for three (3) years a member of the Benefit Fund, in case of death his representatives shall not be entitled to any benefits from said Fund, but should a member of the Benefit Fund remain in good standing therein for three years from the date of his application, or in the case of members in good standing on the first day of June, 1898, for three years from that date, and thereafter withdraw from membership in the Orange Association, such withdrawal shall not affect his standing in the Benefit Fund, and in case of death his representative shall be entitled to the benefits of the Fund in the same manner as if the connection with the Orange Association had been maintained. And a member taking advantage of the above clause by withdrawing from the Orange Society, shall pay annually, in advance, the sum of two dollars in addition to his assessments.

Revenue.

6. The revenue of this Benefit Fund shall be derived from the application and registration fees and assessments of its members, and the interest on the investment of the reserve fund.

Insurance Benefits.

7. The Insurance Benefit payable as hereinafter provided on the death of a member who was in good standing at the date of his death, shall be five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, two thousand dollars, or three thousand dollars, according to the sum for which he shall be enrolled at the time of his death.

Claims not to be Assigned as Collaterals.

8. No benefit claim or endowment certificate shall be made payable to or assigned to others as collateral security for debt, nor shall the beneficiary or beneficiaries be changed except in accordance with law.

Good Standing.

9. The term "good standing" in this Benefit Fund signifies that the member has not withdrawn from his Primary Lodge (except as provided for in Clause 5 of these rules) and is not either suspended or expelled there from, and from the Orange Association, and that he has paid within the prescribed time all his assessments for the Insurance or other funds of the Benefit Fund, as well as all dues, capitation tax, or other demands provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Orange Association or this Benefit Fund.

10. If a member is not in good standing he is not eligible to office, and if an officer he forfeits his office. A member not in good standing loses all his rights and claims upon the Benefit Fund, of whatsoever kind and nature, and can only regain them when reinstated according to the rules of the Benefit Fund.

11. Upon satisfactory proof of the death of a member of this Benefit Fund, who at the time of his death was in good standing, his beneficiaries or representative shall receive, within sixty days from the time such proofs are filed with the Secretary, a sum not to exceed in any case \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, or \$3,000, according to the terms of his certificate of membership.

Officers.

12. The Executive of the said Benefit Fund shall consist of a President and four brethren, members of the Benefit Fund, who shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members of the Benefit Fund present at Grand Lodge meeting, three members to form a quorum.

13. The officers of the said Benefit Fund shall consist of a President and a Secretary and Treasurer. The M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America shall be the President of said Benefit Fund, and a Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually by the members of the said Executive Committee, and who shall be members of said Benefit Fund, and who shall not be members of the Executive when appointed Secretary or Treasurer.

Duties of Officers.

14. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive. He shall sign the certificates of membership and orders drawn on the Treasurer, and shall see that the laws and regulations of the Benefit Fund are faithfully and properly executed. In the absence of the President, the other members of the Executive present may elect a chairman to perform the duties of President.

15. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Executive, and of its business transactions; keep the books of account, and conduct the correspondence; collect and receive moneys due to the Benefit Fund, and, as soon as the sum in his hands amount to \$200, pay over the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; prepare the certificates of membership and all communications called for and required by the officers; keep a record of the names of deceased members

of the Benefit Fund and of the amount paid to their representatives ; keep a record, in the books of the Benefit Fund, of the names of the members who have paid and of those who have failed to pay the assessments made upon them, and also of those whose applications have been rejected ; make annually, or oftener if required by the President or Executive, a full report in writing of the transactions and conditions of the Benefit Fund, and perform such duties as may be required of him by the President or Executive. For such services he shall receive from year to year a stipulated salary as agreed upon by the Executive so long as he shall conduct the business in an efficient manner. He shall be furnished with whatever assistance the Executive may deem necessary to conduct the business satisfactorily. He shall give a bond to the President and his successors in office in the sum of at least \$2,000 from a Guarantee Company named by the President and approved by the Executive, the premium of which shall be paid out of the Benefit Fund, for the faithful performance of his duties, and for the proper care and accounting for all moneys or other property of the Benefit Fund that may come into his possession.

16. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and securities from the Secretary, giving his receipt therefor, and deposit the same in a chartered bank in the name of "The Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund." All moneys shall be paid out by cheque, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, or on order given by President or such other person as shall be designated by the Executive. He shall make annually, or oftener if required by the President or Executive, a full report of receipts and expenditures and of all matters affecting the financial condition of the Fund. He shall give a bond from a Guarantee Company, to be named by the President and approved by the Executive, in the sum of at least two thousand dollars (the premiums of which shall be paid out of the Benefit Fund), for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the proper care and accounting for and depositing in the Bank, or return of

all moneys or other property of the Fund that may come into his possession.

17. The Medical Referee shall examine all applications for membership after the same shall have passed the Medical Examiner, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the President or Executive.

18. The Legal Adviser shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the President or Executive.

Application Fee.

19. Applications must be made upon the proper forms, and countersigned by the Master or Recording or Financial Secretary of the Primary Lodge to which the applicant belongs. They must be accompanied by an application fee of \$3.00, which includes registration fee and medical examination fee, for each \$1,000, and the Master, Agent, or some brother appointed by the Primary Lodge or the Executive, shall forward the fee and see that the papers are completed.

20. Should a candidate be rejected the registration fee shall be returned, also the first assessment, if collected.

21. The names of all rejected applicants shall be entered on the Register.

Registration Fee.

22. The sum of \$1.00 is the fee for registration.

Assessments.

23. The assessment of all members of this Benefit Fund shall be graded according to age, and the first payment shall be made on the issue of the certificate, and all succeeding payments on the first day of each calendar month thereafter.

24. The monthly rates of assessments which every member shall pay, according to his age at the date of his enrolment, shall be as follows :—

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Age.	\$500.	\$1,000.	\$2,000.	\$3,000.
18.....	\$0.30.....	\$0.60.....	\$1.20.....	\$1.80.....
19.....	0.31.....	0.61.....	1.22.....	1.83.....
20.....	0.32.....	0.62.....	1.24.....	1.86.....
21.....	0.33.....	0.63.....	1.26.....	1.89.....
22.....	0.34.....	0.64.....	1.28.....	1.92.....
23.....	0.35.....	0.65.....	1.30.....	1.95.....
24.....	0.36.....	0.66.....	1.32.....	1.98.....
25.....	0.37.....	0.67.....	1.34.....	2.01.....
26.....	0.38.....	0.68.....	1.36.....	2.04.....
27.....	0.39.....	0.69.....	1.38.....	2.07.....
28.....	0.40.....	0.70.....	1.40.....	2.10.....
29.....	0.41.....	0.71.....	1.42.....	2.13.....
30.....	0.42.....	0.72.....	1.44.....	2.16.....
31.....	0.43.....	0.73.....	1.46.....	2.19.....
32.....	0.45.....	0.74.....	1.48.....	2.22.....
33.....	0.46.....	0.75.....	1.50.....	2.25.....
34.....	0.47.....	0.76.....	1.52.....	2.28.....
35.....	0.49.....	0.78.....	1.56.....	2.34.....
36.....	0.50.....	0.80.....	1.60.....	2.40.....
37.....	0.52.....	0.82.....	1.64.....	2.46.....
38.....	0.53.....	0.84.....	1.68.....	2.52.....
39.....	0.54.....	0.86.....	1.72.....	2.58.....
40.....	0.56.....	0.88.....	1.76.....	2.64.....
41.....	0.57.....	0.90.....	1.80.....	2.70.....
42.....	0.59.....	0.92.....	1.84.....	2.76.....
43.....	0.60.....	0.95.....	1.90.....	2.85.....
44.....	0.61.....	0.98.....	1.96.....	2.94.....
45.....	0.63.....	1.02.....	2.04.....	3.06.....
46.....	0.64.....	1.07.....	2.14.....	3.21.....
47.....	0.65.....	1.14.....	2.28.....	3.42.....
48.....	0.68.....	1.22.....	2.44.....	3.66.....
49.....	0.70.....	1.35.....	2.70.....	4.05.....

and shall pay the same rate of assessments thereafter so long as he remains continually in good standing in the Benefit Fund, if at the time of his admission or at the time of his last reinstatement he was under fifty years of age.

25. For additional insurance after admission he shall pay assessments according to his age at the time of taking such

additional insurance; but no additional insurance shall be allowed to members who have passed their fiftieth birthday.

26. At or before the close of each and every month, each member shall, *without notice*, pay into the hands of the Secretary to be placed to the credit of his account for the next ensuing monthly assessment, a sum sufficient to leave a balance at the beginning of the next ensuing month, in his favor, of at least one full assessment for every thousand dollars of insurance held by him, according to the schedule of rates provided for in the rules of the Benefit Fund.

Penalty for Non-Payment.

27. And in case a member has not to his credit the full amount of one assessment for each one thousand dollars of insurance held by him on the first day of each and every month, he shall stand suspended, and he shall not be entitled to any benefits from the Benefit Fund during the time of such suspension, and until he has been duly and legally reinstated.

Special Assessments.

28. Whenever there are no available funds to pay the insurance or other benefits of the Benefit Fund, the Executive shall order a special assessment, which shall be paid by each member to the Secretary within thirty days from the date of the call.

29. Members failing to pay within thirty days from the date of the Secretary's call, the special assessment ordered by the Executive, shall stand suspended.

Forfeiture of Membership.

30. On the 15th day of each calendar month the Secretary, having examined the Books, shall notify all members who have failed to pay their assessments, that they have, in accordance with rule No. 27, forfeited their membership and all benefits appertaining thereto. Upon any

member so forfeiting his membership giving satisfactory explanations to the Executive, paying all charges and dues, and again passing the medical examinations referred to in Section 46 of this Constitution, the Executive may reinstate him, and place him in the same position as if no forfeiture had taken place. This application must be made within thirty days after forfeiture of membership, or within such further time not exceeding three calendar months, after forfeiture of membership as the Executive may, on being informed of all the circumstances of the case, deem reasonable.

31. All assessments must be sent to the Secretary of this Benefit Fund by bank draft, post-office order, or registered letter (containing money only), and to the post-office address of the Secretary.

Insurance Certificate.

32. Every person at the time of applying for admission, shall state in the application what amount of insurance he desires to take, and a certificate for the sum so chosen shall be issued to him, unless the sum so chosen shall have been reduced by the Executive, in which case the certificate shall only be for the sum granted by the Executive.

(a) He shall not be privileged thereafter to change the same, except as herein after provided.

(b) Upon furnishing satisfactory proof to the Secretary of the loss of the Insurance Certificate, and the payment of a fee of fifty cents, a duplicate thereof may be issued to such member.

Form of Insurance Certificate.

33. Each Insurance Certificate shall be in form prescribed by the Executive, and shall bear the signatures of the President and Secretary (or fac-simile thereof), and an impression of the seal of the Benefit Fund.

Changing Beneficiaries.

34. A member may at any time, while in good standing, make any change in the designation of his beneficiary, not contrary to law, in the following manner, namely:

(a) By filing a written petition with the Secretary, setting forth fully and clearly the changes he desires to make, and also endorsing the same on his certificate, and

(b) By paying a fee of fifty cents, and

(c) By forwarding his Insurance Certificate to the Secretary, and

(d) On the receipt of the certificate and the fee, together with the petition as above provided, the Secretary shall submit the same to the Executive, and if approved of the Secretary shall endorse on the certificate the approval, and make an entry thereof in the books of the Benefit Fund, but any change so made shall be subject to any Statutory law relating to such insurance in force at the time the same is made.

Increasing Insurance.

35. A member desiring to increase his insurance shall make written application to the Secretary who shall submit the same to the Executive.

(a) If the Executive agrees to such application it shall be endorsed thereon, and attested with the signature of the President.

(b) If the application is made within thirty days of the last medical examination, unless a fresh medical examination is required by the Executive, the applicant shall simply sign the declaration of health as required by the Executive.

(c) If the application is made more than thirty days after the last medical examination, or if required by the Executive, then the applicant must again pass the medical examination, the same as new members.

(d) Upon complying with the foregoing provisions, if the Executive approve of the application, the Secretary shall notify the applicant to forward his old Insurance Certificate, together with a fee of fifty cents and the required registration Fee.

(e) Upon the receipt of the above by the Secretary, he shall duly enter the change in the Register, and forthwith forward to the member the new Insurance Certificate for the increased amount of insurance.

(f) Members shall pay on any increased insurance benefit the rates provided for their actual ages at the time of taking such increased Insurance Benefit.

(g) Whenever a second or duplicate certificate is issued, whether to replace a lost certificate or for increased insurance, the first certificate shall, *ipso facto*, become void.

Payment of Insurance.

36. Within sixty days of the date of the filing with the Secretary of the required "proof of claim," which shall be on forms approved of by the Executive, furnished by the Secretary, and duly attested, proving the death of a member who was in good standing at the date of his death (together with the necessary papers of the Probate or Surrogate Court, if required by the Executive), the insurance shall be paid to the beneficiary, or beneficiaries, or personal representatives of the deceased member who shall be legally entitled thereto.

Claims May Lapse.

37. If the required "proof of claim" is not filed within twelve calendar months from the date of the death of the member, then in such case all claims whatsoever which the beneficiary or beneficiaries or personal representatives, might have had against the Benefit Fund in respect of such death, shall lapse and become absolutely null and void.

38. In case of a refusal to pay a claim, and the beneficiary or personal representative of the deceased fail to take action or other legal proceedings to establish the claim within twelve calendar months from the date of the death of the member, then in such case the claim shall lapse and become absolutely null and void.

39. No member shall be entitled to bring any action or other legal proceedings against the Benefit Fund until he has exhausted all the remedies provided for in the rules of the Benefit Fund, by appeals or otherwise.

Funds.

40. The management funds shall be composed of the fees derived from applications for membership, the regis-

tration fee, and the annual fee of two dollars from each member, which latter fee shall be payable on or before the first day of October in each year, and shall be applied in payment of medical examiners, officers, and special agents' fees, and office expenditure of Secretary and Treasurer.

41. The death benefit fund shall be composed of the receipts from monthly assessments, and special assessments when necessary and duly made by the Executive, and all death benefits must be paid out of same.

42. The reserve fund shall be composed of the surplus derived from monthly assessments over what is required for payment of death claims, and interest thereon, and an amount equal to five per cent. from each and every assessment. When the Executive think that the reserve fund is sufficient to warrant them in making provision for death benefits out of the same without affecting the stability of the Benefit Fund, they may dispense with payment of one or more assessments, and pay the same out of the reserve fund.

Auditors.

43. Two Auditors shall be appointed annually, one by the President, and one by the members of the Benefit Fund, at the annual meeting, who shall audit the books of the Benefit Fund, and make their report thereon not later than the 15th day of January, in each year. They shall be paid for their services such sums as shall be agreed upon between the Executive and themselves.

Seal.

44. A seal shall be procured, of a design selected and approved by the Executive, which shall be attached to all certificates of membership or other official documents, save and except the notices to members.

Medical Officers.

45. A Medical Officer shall be nominated by the District Master for each District upon the request of the Master of

a Primary Lodge, or the Agent for such district, and in case that the District Master has not so appointed, or where it may be necessary that additional examiners are required, the Agent shall have all the powers of the District Master in so appointing a Medical Officer or Officers, and such appointment shall be subject to the approval of the President, and shall, whenever possible or advisable, be a member in good standing of the Loyal Orange Association. ~~He shall in all cases be a regularly~~ qualified practitioner.

46. The Medical Officer shall carefully examine all candidates who appear before him, and make full reports to the Medical Referee upon the forms supplied; for his services he shall receive the sum of \$2.00, which shall be paid by the Benefit Fund.

47. Not more than one Medical Officer shall be appointed in each District, except in cases where, in the opinion of the Executive, it would promote the best interests of the Benefit Fund to appoint more than one.

Certificate.

48. The Secretary shall furnish each member of the Benefit Fund with a certificate of membership, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, with the seal of the Benefit Fund attached. On payment of the insurance stipulated, it shall be surrendered and delivered to the Secretary by the beneficiaries or representatives of the deceased member. Such certificate shall be filed by the Secretary in his office.

49. After three years' duration all certificates shall be indisputable, and payment shall be made without further evidence of age, except in cases of fraud, death by suicide, or at the hands of the law, or in cases otherwise provided for by these rules.

50. Wherever the words "Orange Mutual Insurance Society," or "Orange Mutual Benefit Society of Ontario West," appear in the certificates of membership now iss-

ued, or hereafter to be issued, such words shall be taken and construed as, and shall mean the "Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund."

51. The members of the Orange Mutual Benefit Society of Ontario West who were in good standing in that Society on the first day of January, 1893, shall be held to be members in good standing in this Benefit Fund on the said first day of January, 1893, and the certificates of membership now held by them shall be acknowledged by this Benefit Fund, to the same extent and subject to the rules of this Benefit Fund, in the same manner as if such certificates had been issued by this Benefit Fund.

Residence.

52. Should a member change his place of residence, he shall, previous to so doing, notify the Secretary of this Benefit Fund of his intention to remove, and of the place where he intends moving to ; and the Secretary may, after consultation with the Executive, forthwith notify him of the number of calls necessary for him to pay in advance, in order that his representatives shall be entitled to benefits should he die during such change of residence ; the member so removing must, except as provided for in Rule 5, also continue in active membership with the Orange Lodge of which he has been a member, or within ninety days from change of residence become connected with an Orange Lodge working under a Grand Lodge recognized by the Triennial Council wherein the member may reside. He must, except as provided for in Rule 5, also within ninety days, furnish the Secretary of this Benefit Fund with a certificate signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, showing that he has joined such Orange Lodge, which certificate shall also be sealed with the seal of such Orange Lodge.

52. (a) Every member of the Benefit Fund shall, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, notify the Financial Secretary of the Primary Lodge to which he belongs that he is a member in good standing in the said Benefit Fund.

Special Occupation.

53. No member shall engage in any dangerous or hazardous occupation, such as the use of or manufacture of gunpowder, dynamite, gun cotton, or in naval or submarine occupations, without first notifying the Secretary ; and the Executive shall immediately consider the case, and notify the member so engaged whether or not his policy shall remain valid, and what extra rate shall be paid during continuance of such dangerous or hazardous occupation.

Amendments.

54. No alterations or amendments shall be made to the rules of this Benefit Fund unless agreed upon by a majority of those members present at a meeting to be held as hereinafter provided.

55. Amendments to these rules may be made at any annual or special meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, notice of the proposed amendments having been previously sent to the Secretary at least thirty days before the meeting. All amendments to be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Benefit Fund present at such Grand Lodge meeting, and provided that by the unanimous consent of the members present at any such meeting, an amendment may be made without such notices.

56. Certificates for \$2,000 or \$3,000 shall not be issued until the Executive so decide after a majority vote of the insured members present in favor of so doing shall be passed at any annual session of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America.

RULES

FOR THE GUIDANCE AND WORKING OF A

ROYAL SCARLET CHAPTER.

1. All Charters for holding Royal Scarlet Chapters shall be issued by the authority of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America.

2. Charters shall be issued only to County and District Orange Lodges; but no Charter shall be issued to a County Lodge in which there are two or more District Lodges. In special cases (provided always that the consent in writing of the District Chapter has been obtained by him) the Grand Master may, without fee, grant a dispensation to a District Lodge to unite with a District Chapter regularly chartered. So long as such Dispensation shall prevail, the District so uniting shall be under the jurisdiction of and responsible to said Chapter; but said District Lodge may exchange the Dispensation for a Charter upon payment of the usual fee, and its members shall forthwith be transferred to the new Chapter. Also, that in the case of isolated Primary Lodges, the Grand Master may issue Dispensations to such Primary Lodges.

3. Charters shall not be used outside the territory for which they were issued, and shall be countersigned by the Grand Master of the Province in whose jurisdiction they are.

4. Applications for Charters for a County shall be made by the County Lodge, and recommended by the Provincial Grand Master. Applications for a Charter for a District shall be made by the District Lodge, and shall be recommended by the County Master and the Provincial Grand Master. All applications shall be made to the Grand Secretary on the form annexed to these Rules.

5. The fee for a Charter shall be six dollars (\$6), and for the renewal of a burnt or defaced Charter three dollars (\$3), which amount must accompany the application.

6. All Chapters shall open on the fourteenth day of the month, and shall close on the twenty-first day of the month.

7. The Chapter shall be opened, conducted and closed in accordance with the Ritual, and seven Companions shall form a quorum.

8. No one shall be admitted to a Chapter unless he has been exalted in a Chapter holding a Charter from the Grand Lodge, nor shall anyone be permitted to enter a Chapter who is not in connection with an Orange Lodge, and in possession of the current Orange Annual.

9. The Master shall be designated the "Worshipful Companion in Command"; the Deputy Master, "Excellent Companion"; the Chaplain, "Companion Chaplain"; the Secretary, "Companion Scribe"; the Treasurer, "Companion Treasurer"; the Director of Ceremonies, "Sir Herald Knight at Arms"; the Tylers, "Inward and Outward Heralds."

10. The Master of the Lodge to whom the Charter has been issued shall be the "Worshipful Companion in Command."

11. All the Officers of the Chapter, including the Worshipful Companion in Command, shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting of the Chapter after the Annual Meeting of the County or District Lodge.

12. In the absence of the Worshipful Companion in Command, the Excellent Companion shall preside over the meeting of the Chapter ; and in the absence of both, a Companion selected by the Companions present shall preside, and the Excellent Companion's chair shall be filled in the same way.

13. Chapters shall have the power to make By-laws for their internal government, but all such By-laws must first be submitted to and approved by the Grand Master.

14. Chapters shall have power to impose dues upon their members either for benevolent or other purposes.

15. No Companion shall hold intercourse with, or have any communication with any Chapter, Lodge, or body of men calling themselves Scarlet Knights, unless the same shall be authorized by the Grand Lodge.

16. No person shall be admitted a member of a Chapter except by exaltation or by a certificate issued by a Chapter under the authority of the Grand Lodge of British America.

17. A brother seeking to be exalted must make application in writing, in accordance with the form annexed to these Rules, to the Chapter in whose jurisdiction his Orange Lodge is situated : he must be recommended by the Master of the Orange Lodge of which he is a member (except as provided by Rule 19), and shall enclose with his application the fee for exaltation.

18. Where there is no Chapter in a County, members of an Orange Lodge who reside in such County may be exalted in any Chapter on a written dispensation granted by the Grand Master.

19. Should the Master of an Orange Lodge refuse to recommend a brother for exaltation, the brother may appeal to the Grand Master, and the Grand Master shall require the Master of the Primary Lodge to give him in writing his reasons for refusing to recommend the

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brother, and shall decide whether or not the appeal shall be sustained. If he decides that the brother should be exalted, his recommendation shall be accepted by the Chapter, instead of that of the Master of the Primary Lodge.

20. Candidates for exaltation shall be balloted for, and if three ballots are cast against the candidate, he shall be rejected. He may, however, again apply at the expiry of twelve months from the date of his rejection.

21. The fee for exaltation shall be three dollars (\$3), and on no condition shall a less sum be accepted, under a penalty of having the Charter cancelled.

22. Charges against Companions shall be investigated by a Committee of five members appointed by the Chapter, who shall report to the Chapter in writing all the evidence adduced, and their finding.

23. In all cases where a Companion has been found guilty, he shall be notified at once by the Companion Scribe; and in case of appeal the evidence and decision shall be communicated to the Grand Master within thirty days after the decision has been rendered.

24. All appeals from the decisions of Chapters shall be made direct to the Grand Master within thirty days, and his decision shall be binding until the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

25. Two forms of certificates shall be used, one to be granted to a Companion on his exaltation, the price of which shall be \$1.50 or \$2.00, the other on his removal from one locality to another; the latter shall be sent by the Companion Scribe of the Chapter he is leaving to the Companion Scribe of the Chapter he intends to unite with, and is on no account to be given to the Companion; the price of which shall be 25 cents.

26. Any violation of these rules shall subject the Chapter to a revocation of its Charter by the Grand Master.

27. In all unprovided cases the Rules governing Orange Lodges shall be applicable.

28. All former Rules are hereby repealed.

**FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER TO HOLD A
ROYAL SCARLET CHAPTER.**

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British America :

By virtue of a resolution passed by Loyal Orange District Lodge
of the District of.....County of
.....Province of.....on
the.....day of....., We, the Worshipful
Master and Recording Secretary of said Lodge, hereby make appli-
cation, praying that you will grant to said District Lodge a Royal
Scarlet Charter.

Given under our hands and the seal of our District Lodge this
.....day of.....19..



(Signed)

..... W. Dist. Master.
..... W. Rec. Sec'y.

I recommend the granting of said Scarlet Charter.

..... W. Co. Master.

I also recommend the same.

..... R. W. Prov. Grand Master.

NOTE—This form can be changed to suit a County Lodge.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF THE EXALTATION OF A
ROYAL, SCARLET COMPANION.

Grand Master's Signature.....
M. W. Grand Master of B. A.

The Loyal Orange Association of British America:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that on the
.....day o'.....in the year of
of our Lord.....
our tried and well-beloved brother and Companion.....
.....was exalted to
the illustrious Degree of a Royal Scarlet Knight in our Asso-
ciation, in the Chapter of
.....held at.....
in the County of.....and Province
of.....

In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our
hands and affixed the seal of our Chapter.

Grand Secretary's Signature.....

SEAL OF
CHAPTER

Worshipful Companion in Command.

Companion Scribe.



**FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GRANTED TO COM-
PANIONS ON LEAVING ONE CHAPTER TO UNITE
WITH ANOTHER.**

LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AMERICA.

To the Worshipful Companion in Command of
The Royal Scarlet Chapter of... District of
.....County of..... Province of
.....

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER,—On behalf of the Royal Scarlet
Chapter at.....District of.....
County of.....Province of.....
we commend to you Bro. Sir.....
who on this date has withdrawn from our Chapter for the purpose
of uniting with yours,

**SEAL OF
CHAPTER.**

(Signed)
Worshipful Companion in Command.

.....
Companion Scribe

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